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Mum's plea: 'Don't feed the birds!'



Maddox with the scratch on his left cheek.

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A YOUNG Barry mother has pleaded with people in the town not to feed gulls after her two-year-old son experienced a frightening attack.

Helena Edwards' son Maddox was left with a scratch inches long down his left cheek and a cut finger.

The incident, like a scene from *The Birds*, happened when mum-of-five Helena was out shopping in Holton Road early in the afternoon on March 21. Maddox was in his pushchair.

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ON Saturday, March 24, well-known funeral directors Lyndsay and Nicki Ellis, renewed their wedding vows in an emotional ceremony at St Fagans Castle.

They were joined by their daughters Nikita and Georgina, family members and close friends.

Lyndsay and Nicki are determined to create special memories and cherish every moment following a difficult prognosis for Nicki.

Lyndsay told The GEM: "With regard to Nicki's prognosis, she is steadfast in her determination to beat the 12 months from August 2017, given the fact that the cancer has spread to her lung."

"Despite going through her personal battle on palliative chemotherapy, she is still actively raising awareness to others."

"She is planning to take part in the Cardiff half marathon and her positive thinking is



Lyndsay and Nicki renewed their vows at St Fagans Castle.

ALL PICTURES BY KEVIN MOORE

amazing!"

Lyndsay said the renewal of their vows was an unforgettable day.

"The service was beautifully officiated by local celebrant Lorraine

Barrett, and it was enjoyable but very emotional for everyone, including Nicki and myself."

"The music was beautifully played by local harpist Angharad



Nicki with daughters Nikita (left) and Georgina (right).

Edwards.

"John Campbell was the bagpiper and our master of ceremonies, and he led the guests and happy couple into the wedding breakfast."

"We want to thank

all our friends in the Barry community for their best wishes and gifts received."

The reception was held at the Old Post House in St Fagans.

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READERS' LETTERS

'Too many cars are running red lights'

AT their meeting on March 20, the Town Council discussed an email received from an anxious resident about the number of vehicles that are 'jumping the red lights' at the junction of Eastgate with Cardiff Road, Aberthun Road and St Athan Road.

This has become even more prevalent over recent years and is particularly concerning, as many young students walking to the

Comprehensive School cross the road at these traffic lights.

The Town Council has asked the Vale Council's Highways Department to again visit the site and consider what action might be taken.

It also urges all motorists to stop this illegal and extremely dangerous practice immediately, before a major accident is caused which may result in serious injury or loss of life.

Jackie Griffin,
Interim Town Clerk,
Cowbridge with Llanb-
lethian Town Council.

DIAG thanks entertainers

THROUGH the pages of The GEM we would like to thank the musicians who gave up their time to perform at the DIAG fundraising event in the Castle Hotel in Barry on Sunday, March 25.

The event ran from 3pm to 7pm with a great array of talent on display. We had Dean Jones as 'TJ reloaded'

doing 'Why Why Why Aviva?'

There was a well supported raffle and we finished off with the St Louie Express.

Thanks go to Laura Bradshaw who was the musical director who organised the line-up.

It was a fun afternoon for all.
The Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG).

A letter to a dog owner

DEAR owner of the rescue bitch we encountered during our walk in the Frampton Lanes last Sunday morning.

While it was an unfortunate incident and we did not exchange details, as you displayed genuine concern for my dog Bruce, I thought you might like an update on him.

Bruce has visited the vets three times due to

the injuries he sustained, is on anti-inflammatory medication, and is wearing a cone. He has a very bruised and swollen chest, a puncture wound that continually weeps and another smaller wound.

I accepted your apology as you seemed to be a kind and caring dog owner.

Best wishes with your dog going forward; I would suggest a robust lead and muzzle might help in the future.

(Name and address supplied.)

35 bags of rubbish removed from beach at Gileston

The volunteers also recovered nine bags of hard plastic which will be recycled.

Try a family 'Date Day' this summer

FAMILIES in the Vale are being offered the chance to do something different together this summer as part of a pilot scheme being run by the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities Team.

The team are piloting 'Date Days' offering activities for school-aged children and their parents or guardians to try out together.

These include French language classes, crafts, cooking, outdoor learning, relaxation, dance, circus skills and even military fitness sessions.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for Regeneration and Planning, said: "The feedback our Creative Rural Communities team received from residents made clear that children

in rural communities need more opportunities to do activities. That's why we are now piloting this new scheme.

"As well as the chance to try something new, we hope it will offer a break from the 'stresses of everyday life' and allow families to spend some 'quality time' together. It could even be the start of a new lifelong family hobby."

This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014 - 2020 which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government and the Vale Council.

The pilot will run from April until October. The activities will take place in four communities in the rural Vale: St Athan, Wenvoe, Rhoose and Ystradowen. **LT**

NFU Ladies latest news

AN excellent presentation by Megan Howells of the Wildlife Trust South and West Wales was enjoyed by all at the latest NFU Ladies meeting.

Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who so kindly give their time to the trust. Janet Goldsworthy gave the vote of thanks and Margaret Phillips won the raffle.

The next meeting is on April 17 at 7.30pm in Penllyn village hall, where the speaker will be Sarah Forster, occupational therapist, on 'My Journey'. All are welcome.

RJE

TWENTY-one Vale Coastal Cleanup volunteers went to Gileston beach on Saturday.

A spokeswoman said: "We removed 35 bags of rubbish from the beach along with a couple of car tyres, two inner tubes and a large piece of rope from a boat, a fisherman's umbrella and a plastic compost bin."

"Nine of the bags, containing rigid plastic only, will go off to TerraCycle to be recycled. It was another good effort by the VCC volunteers." **EW**

Film of Passion Play to be screened

SOME time ago, a group of Cowbridge Christians performed a Mediaeval-style Passion Play several times over a number of years.

At Holy Cross Church at 3.30pm this Good Friday, (March 30) there will be a showing of the film that was made of that production, followed - as the season demands - by hot cross buns.

It's free of charge and all are welcome. The film shows Christ's last few days on Earth with his disciples eating their last supper together, his betrayal by his friends, his trial by Pontius Pilate, his crucifixion and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Churches Together in Cowbridge would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to participate in next Easter's production.

Leonie Hain

Open weekend at Cowbridge Bowling club
COWBRIDGE Bowling Club has been in existence for over 20 years.

We have an all-weather green, and the club is situated in the heart of Cowbridge. At the present time we run three men's teams, three ladies' teams, run internal competitions and provide opportunities for social bowling among our members.

On Saturday, April 14 and Sunday April 15 from 11am - 4pm we are holding an open weekend. Coaching will be available and there will also be opportunities to meet members. Please come along and try out bowls: all you need is a pair of flat shoes, and we will provide the rest.

The club is behind Cowbridge Leisure Centre. Just turn up or call Norman on 01446 773282 or Diane on 01446 775616.

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Arts festival for 'over-50s'

The Gwanwyn festival takes place in Llantwit Major this May.

Gwanwyn, which means 'springtime' in Welsh, is a month-long festival held across Wales in May each year 'celebrating creativity in older age'.

The festival is for the 'over-50s' and is run by Age Cymru.

Llantwit Major resident Charles Allen explained: "The Gwanwyn arts festival is now in its 12th year and the event in Llantwit Major is one of many taking place across Wales during May."

"It champions the health benefits of the arts for older people."

"The festival gives grants to groups across Wales to hold events during May at which older people can take part in arts and creative activities."

Gwanwyn arts festival coordinator Emma Robinson said: "Trying your hand at something new and creative can have a long-lasting and positive effect."

"It can put the spark back into your life, re-awaken your enthusiasm and help you find a creative side of yourself you never knew existed."

"Whether it's painting, crocheting, photography, dancing, singing or learning to play a musical instrument, being creative can help you switch off from life's stresses and strains and give you some valuable 'me-time'."

"The event in Llantwit Major is a great opportunity for over-50s in the Vale to showcase their talents and I hope they are inspired by their experiences."

There are three Gwanwyn events taking

place in Llantwit Major. There's a creative writing competition based in Llantwit Major Library but open to residents of the Vale (those over 50). The entrance fee is £5 and the money is to be used for future creative writing contests.

In support of the people in the Vale who are working with refugee and asylum groups the theme is 'Fresh Start'. Organisers are asking for 1,500 words, in English only, single-sided with double-spaced entries.

The closing date for entering is April 23 [St George's Day] at 5pm. Forms are available from Llantwit Major Library and Nickleby's bookstore in the town.

The winner receives an Oxford University Press Dictionary-Thesaurus and a £25 book token. Two runners-up will win the dictionary/thesaurus only.

Llantwit Major Arts and Crafts Group's annual exhibition takes place on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6. It will be held at the Llantwit Hall and is a chance to meet local artists and to purchase artworks.

There will also be a Llantwit Major art trail. Over the month of May the Llantwit Major Arts and Crafts Group will be displaying nine original artworks in shop windows around Llantwit Major. The 10th artwork will be displayed in the Galilee Chapel, St Illtud's Church, over the same time period.

Age Cymru set Gwanwyn up in 2006 with the support of the Welsh Government and Arts Council of Wales. For more information go to: #gwanwynfestival. **CA**

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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29 Thur	05.48	9.2	18.16	9.4
30 Fri	06.36	9.8	18.59	10.1
31 Sat	07.22	10.2	19.43	10.3
01 Sun	08.03	10.4	20.21	10.4
02 Mon	08.41	10.2	20.59	10.0
03 Tues	09.16	10.0	21.32	9.9
04 Wed	09.50	9.7	22.08	9.6
05 Thur	10.21	9.3	22.38	9.0

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Laura relieved to be home at last

A YOUNG Barry woman is "thrilled" to be home after a prolonged stay in hospital because of a delay in getting a 'care package' organised.

Laura Clode (26) went into the mental health unit in Llandough Hospital almost 10 months ago.

Six months ago, she was told she could leave, but Cardiff and Vale University Health Board was not able to put a care package together.

Laura's mother Pamela had pleaded with the health board to urgently address the situation pointing out she was becoming "more and more depressed".

Last week, regional Assembly Member Andrew RT Davies supported Pam's plea saying: "It is deeply worrying that Laura was told six months ago she was able to leave hospital – but due to apparent incompetence that has not been allowed to happen."

"Pamela is rightly concerned for her wellbeing – and it appears as though a care

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plan could have been put in place long ago."

By last Friday plans were in place and Laura was delighted to be home.

Pamela told The GEM: "Getting her home proved a major problem. Waiting six months to go home is ludicrous – far too long."

"It cost the NHS tens of thousands of pounds

to keep her in hospital while putting in carers four times a day to help would be a fraction of that cost."

"When she got home, Laura said 'Being home is where I feel happiest. With you and nanna Rose here I know I can just be me, knowing I'm loved and safe'."

"She kept telling me she loved me and kept thanking me for fighting for her for all this time and in previous years."

"She now wants to draw a line and move forwards with her life."

"She still has challenges to face but feels stronger and ready to build some kind of life for herself."

"Being at home is always the best place for young people like Laura."

Pamela said that with her mother Rosemary also helping, they hoped to replace the bad memories of the last 10 months with some good ones.

"Her room looks out over the Knap beach in Barry, and gives her such a sense of peace. She hasn't stopped smiling since she arrived on Friday."

"She would like to say 'thank you' to all of her friends who have

supported her. With the help of her wonderful carers from AllCare in Barry who helped us to care for Laura in the past, she knows that she will be able to find a life that is now worth living."

A spokeswoman for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board commented:

"As a health board we work closely with care agencies to put appropriate care packages in place for patients to be discharged home after a stay in hospital."

"Patient safety is a priority when implementing discharge plans and we involve the patients and their families where necessary to ensure the packages are suitable for their needs."

"In complex cases commissioning a care package can unfortunately take longer according to individual circumstances and the changing needs of the individual during their recovery."

"We acknowledge that there have been delays in putting a care package together due to the patient requiring additional support."

"We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused the patient or their family and we would ask them to contact our concerns team if they wish to discuss any aspect of the care provided."



Laura (centre) is thrilled to be back with her mum Pamela (right) and grandmother Rosemary (left).

An artist's 'angels' descend on Lavernock

ARTIST Julie Lyddon (aka Nin) is really not sure if she is bringing her angels to the former St Lawrence Church at Lavernock, or whether they are 'bringing her'.

A spokesperson said: "What she is sure about though, is that with the present chaos in the world, we could all do with as many angels among us as possible."

"Her exhibition is not to be missed, beginning on Good Friday and continuing until Easter Monday, from 11am-

4pm; it promises to be something out of the ordinary."

Julie, who has previously exhibited at the Welsh Assembly and the Women's Art Association, is no stranger to the area, as her work was selected as inspiration for pupils at Westbourne Junior School's art exhibition 2015 and she was chosen as a judge at Beechwood College's International 'Create' art competition in the same year.

The spokesperson continued: "Come along over Easter to see the angels, an inspiring spectacle in beautiful surroundings; free entry

with refreshments available, with the coastal path and the sea right on the doorstep. Cosmeston medieval village, lakes and café are just minutes away."

"The former church will also celebrate Easter at 3pm on Sunday, April 1 with traditional hymns, poetry and a few words from Revd Margaret Stark on the meaning of Easter. There is a free car park to the left of Fort Road just before you reach the church."

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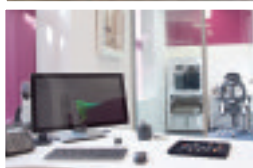
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BARRY SCHOOL IS OFFERING SUPPORT TO YOUNG CARERS

B A R R Y Comprehensive has been presented with the award for achieving the basics of the Young Carers in Schools Programme.

The Young Carers in Schools Programme was originally developed by Carers Trust and the Children's Society, and the award includes assigning a lead member of staff to understand young carers and their needs and developing and maintaining a pupil notice board and online information highlighting young carer's issues.

In October 2016, Carers Trust South East Wales was commissioned by the Vale Council to undertake a project on behalf of the council alongside Cardiff Council and Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board.

There are an estimated 700,000 young carers in the UK, and a recent survey in the Vale indicated that one in 12 pupils in primary or secondary school could be young carers.

Barry Comprehensive were initially unsure of the number of young carers they had within the school, but staff and teachers worked hard to support and listen to young carers, and the school has now met the criteria for the basics of the Young Carers in Schools Programme.

B a r r y

Comprehensive's operational lead, Sue Neilson, supports the young carers in the school.

Ms Neilson said: "We are really proud of our young carers, who do so much to support their families. The young carers in school programme, has enabled us to identify the young carers within the school, putting in place a variety of positive measures to support them both in and out of school."

Connor Dunn (15), who will start an access course at Cardiff and Vale College later this year, said: "Being a young carer means people looking after their families."

"I help my dad at home and sometimes help my brother with homework. Young carers can have many problems, and they can lash out because of the stress at home."

"It makes me so happy to help other carers and I didn't know Trystan before this scheme, and now we get along well. Ms Neilson in school is great and can support you no matter what; she has helped me a lot."

Tristan Evans (14), said: "I help my mum out at home when she needs it and I help around the house. I found out about young carers in school, from a poster in my maths lesson. I told my teacher and she asked Ms Neilson to tell me more about how the school can help."



Barry Comprehensive School headteacher Gerard McNamara, Lisa Thomas, schools development worker, Connor Dunn and Tristan Evans, Barry Comprehensive's operational lead Sue Neilson and school governor, Antonia Forte.

Rambling from Taffs Well to Mynydd Meio

HEEEDING a weather warning for possible snow showers and freezing temperatures, Rachel from Penarth and District Ramblers changed her planned walk and stayed on home ground, beginning from Taff's Well railway station.

This 10-mile walk soon gained the nickname 'the bridge walk', as it took in numerous bridges crossing the River Taff, the railway and A470 and over and under the Taff Trail.

Crossing the River Taff and following the west bank before re-crossing to the east bank into Taff's Well, led them into the delightful World War Two memorial park, with its colourful benches and the stone building

containing Wales' only natural hot spring well, where, during the 1700s, people flocked, hoping the 21-degree water would cure arthritis, rheumatism and consumption.

Crossing the railway line and heading to Parc Nantgarw with its large winding wheel, almost the only memorial to the Nantgarw Colliery following its closure in the late 1980s, the site has been turned into an industrial estate.

Making their way uphill to reach an almost hidden gem, the Nantgarw China Works, where, in the early 19th century, its creator William Billingsley, renowned for his rose artwork, used a special recipe which was never written down to produce some of the best examples of fine porcelain ever made.

A bridge across the A470, with its great view of the kiln at the rear of the china works and towards the snow-covered Mynydd Meio, brought them up onto the Taff Trail and then a pause on the driveway of the daffodil-adorned Tir Thomas-James Farm for morning break, with views stretching through the valley to Craig yr Allt and Garth Hill.

Eventually, meeting the light snow-dusted hedgerows and banks of Ffynnonbwl Road, led to a paddle uphill through flowing surface water past their first sighting of a spring lamb, Tylorstown tip in the distance to the north and across the Taff Valley to Pontypridd, Rhydfelin and Treforest

in the west.

Eglwysilan Road and a waterlogged cattle grid, brought them to the lower slopes of Mynydd Meio for a stiff climb past shaggy mountain ponies to the trig point and across the boggy, snow-covered hillside with its biting cold wind, to enjoy views over Caerphilly and the Rhymney Valley before dropping downhill through fields to Groeswen.

A hazy sun joined them for their trek through muddy fields, then the long descent by road and a stop for lunch before re-joining the Taff Trail at Penrhos Cutting for their start point.

On March 31, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile moderate walk from Goytre Wharf; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On April 1, meet 9am at Cogan for a nine-mile hard walk taking in the summits of Corn Du, Pen y Fan, Cribin and Fan y Big from the Neuadd reservoir; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Lottery Fund donation means it's dry at church

THANKS to the Heritage Lottery Fund, a new roof is now on All Saints' Church, Barry, so that it can continue to serve its community for at least the next century!

The £104,400 grant received was an important investment that will help protect the church for future generations. The total cost of the roof restoration project was £226,289.

Richard Bellamy, head of HLF in Wales, said: "Wales' historic and diverse places of worship are so often at the heart of our communities. Thanks to National Lottery players we can fund both urgent structural repairs and improved facilities."

"All Saint's Church is an excellent example of how HLF can help conserve a much loved building so it can continue to serve its community."

During the last 18 months the roof restoration committee and members of the congregation have worked extremely hard raising over £58,000 towards the remaining funding required. This began with a 'Sponsor a Slate' scheme that raised over £10,250 in the first four months.

In addition, over 40 fundraising events and activities have taken place from autumn lunches, recitals, Beetle Drives, concerts, to name but a few.

Paul Donovan stated: "The way the project has galvanised support and success has been incredible! Although we have the community element of the project to complete during the next six to nine months, at least we can do this in the warm and dry and know that the hardest part of the project has been completed."

Successful funding bids were also made to other grant-giving

organisations such as the National Churches Trust, Welsh Churches Act, Garfield Weston Foundation, All Churches Trust, James Pantyfedwen Foundation and Barry Town Council.

Fr Kevin Lake and chairman Paul Donovan would like to express their grateful thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund and all those involved in making the new roof possible.

All Saints' Church has a rich heritage and the congregation is one of the largest in the town, with three Sunday services which are attended on average by 170 worshippers.

There is a very successful Sunday school with approximately 90 children currently on the books; and the church is also open daily for private prayer and visiting.

The church supports the annual RNLI Barry Dock Lifeboat Crew Carol Service, the Mayor's Civic Carol Service, the St John Ambulance Carol Service and school Christmas concerts.

The local schools also attend All Saints' for educational visits and Father Kevin has established strong links with the schools, in particular with All Saints' Primary School and Barry Island Primary School.

A Heritage Lottery Fund application was submitted on for £104,400 and a response was received at the end of September 2016 that the application had been successful.

A roof restoration committee was formed and chaired by Paul Donovan, who has managed fundraising events and involvement of the community in the project.

Paul stated that "when the heavens opened, which was fairly frequently in Barry, the roof leaked and a tarpaulin had to be strategically placed, along with buckets throughout the church."

Small Space helps club to reach target

WHEN 'The Small Space' stepped forward to help Penarth RFC under-16s reach their French tour fundraising target, it was laughs and gasps all the way.

Small Space director and magician Jasper Blakeley, explained: "We've always been keen to help organisations raise funds for all kinds of events and since I have a connection with the rugby club, it made perfect sense."

The under-16s are off to an international rugby tournament in Brittany over the Easter period and with a daunting £10,000 target, it has been a year-long drive to raise the funds.

The Vale Mayor Janice Charles and her husband attended The Small Space's fundraiser.

Jasper added: "It is always a pleasure to see council supporters at these events. After all, the boys will be representing the region over in France."

The Small Space is limited on the amount

of magic charity events it can put on in the year, but the chance to support another local charity next month, Ty Hafan, was hard to resist.

If you would like to see some world-class magic and support a fantastic charity as well, a fundraiser will take place on Thursday, April 12, at the Small Space, 5 Island Road Barry, CF62 7AR. All ticket proceeds go to the charity; contact paul@paulfearsphoto.co.uk for ticket details.

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Maddox attacked by greedy gulls



Maddox also suffered a cut finger in the attack.

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Helena explained: "We'd just been to Iceland and went down to Greggs."

"I got a sausage roll and some donuts and gave one to Maddox."

"All of a sudden there were six or seven gulls attacking us – and getting under the hood of the pushchair."

Helena tried to fight them off and other people came to help.

"They were going for Maddox's mouth because he had food in it." To distract the gulls, she threw the food at them.

"It was shocking and totally unexpected. I was worried they'd caught his eyes. They caught his cheek with their claws – he had a massive red line on it. He also had a cut finger."

For a long time after the attack Maddox wouldn't talk.

Helena said she was concerned that gulls are nesting nearby and

become aggressive because they are used to picking up scraps of food or being fed.

"I'd urge people not to feed the gulls in King Square and Holton Road."

She phoned the GP and A & E who said that because her son's injections were up to date he should be all right.

Helena also phoned the Vale Council and was told the birds were wild and there was little they could do.

A spokesperson for the Vale Council said: "Feeding seagulls provides an additional food source and encourages more breeding pairs to nest in an area. It is then that we experience more instances of seagulls taking food."

"We would urge visitors to King Square not to feed the seagulls and to make sure that they responsibly dispose of food containers and rubbish in the litter bins provided."

Barry Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, will host a Fairtrade coffee morning on Tuesday, April 10 in the Council Chamber at Barry Town Council Offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, (CF62 8NA) at 10am to 12pm.

All proceeds are in aid of Tŷ Hafan and British Heart Foundation. Come along and enjoy some tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.

For more information call 01446 704921 or e-mail juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk

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NEW BARRY 10K RUN WILL BACK TY HAFAN



From left: Tŷ Hafan nurses Candice St John, Natalie David, Gemma Lewis.

Tŷ HAFAN will celebrate the tireless work of their army of nurses at the inaugural Brecon Carreg Barry Island 10K.

The leading paediatric palliative care charity has linked up with the new 10K race as lead charity partner.

The Brecon Carreg Barry Island 10K will provide the platform for runners of all ages and abilities to raise funds for the Sully-based charity.

Tŷ Hafan nurses regularly walk 10km during a 12-hour shift and now runners can show their support by taking on the distance in front of the stunning backdrop of Whitmore Bay, the Knapp and Romilly Park.

It costs £4.3million a year to provide Tŷ Hafan's state-of-the-art facilities and its support services to families out in the

community. Runners for team Tŷ Hafan will each pledge to raise £100 and will receive a free running vest and fundraising pack, as well as training advice to kickstart their journey towards race day on Sunday, August 5.

Run 4 Wales chief executive Matt Newman said: "The inaugural Barry Island 10K will give fitness fanatics and those taking their first steps at a mass-participation event the chance to give something back to Tŷ Hafan. "We are looking forward to welcoming an army of runners who will raise thousands on August 5."

Team Tŷ Hafan runners will be roared on by a race day cheer squad as they travel along Whitmore Bay promenade before they head through Barry's regenerated retail area. The Barry Docks Offices are the next landmark on the route before they

head back towards Barry Island via the Knap. A post race celebration awaits to mark their achievement after they cross the finish line.

Claire Cooper, director of income generation at Tŷ Hafan, said: "We are delighted to be named lead charity partner at this year's Brecon Carreg Barry Island 10K."

"The money raised will make a real difference to the children and families we support, enabling our care and community teams to provide nursing care and support during short breaks and to work with families so they can make the very best of the time they have together, creating precious memories that will last a lifetime."

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St David's Day at Barry Comprehensive



Students celebrating competition success.

DUE to the snow on March 1, Barry Comprehensive School's St David's Day celebrations were postponed by a week.

Years 7, 8 and 9 students had a cultural assembly on March 8 where they celebrated and learned more about Dewi Sant, the Patron Saint of Wales.

The assembly also recognised the hard work of students with the announcement of Welsh department's competition winners. The school hall was decorated for the event with Welsh symbols and examples of pupils' competition entries.

Many staff members took up the challenge of trying to pronounce the longest place name in Wales.

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch, which everyone found highly entertaining.

Local bowls club presents cheque to support group



The Murch Bowling Club presented a cheque for £1,300 to the local Parkinson's support group.

FIFTEEN members of The Parkinson's Vale of Glamorgan Support Group met at Murch Community Centre on Tuesday, March 6.

The outgoing treasurer, Diane Barlow and coordinator, Barry Lakin, were pleased to host four members of the Murch Bowling Club, Dinas Powys for tea and cake.

The captain's charity was represented by the ladies' captain, Pat

Ayres, the men's captain, Mark Hughes, the president, Roger Mauchline and the ladies' secretary, Cynthia Tranter when they presented a cheque for £1,300.

Helen Blessley, coordinator, thanked them on behalf of the members for their generous donation.

The group has a varied programme of talks, visits and lunches so anyone with Parkinson's who would like to join the group would be most welcome.

BRITISH STEEL COKING PLANTS DEADLINE - 23 APRIL 2018

The High Court has appointed Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell as lead solicitors in a group action for conditions associated with employment at coke works operated by British Steel.

A closing date for notification of bladder cancer claims has been set by the Court as 23 April 2018.

If you think you or a deceased family member may have been affected and worked in a British Steel coke fuel plant as a coke oven worker and wish to consider joining the group, please contact Hugh James or Irwin Mitchell urgently. They will send you further information and assess whether you may be eligible to join the group and claim compensation.

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Yin and yang

THE meeting of Cadoxton WI on March 19 was not well attended and nine members sent their apologies, unable to attend due to the bad weather.

Several members had attended the afternoon tea provided at Highlight Community Centre. This was a joint effort of local WIs to raise money for the Denman appeal. It was a lovely afternoon and the goodies on offer were delightful.

The evening outing for March was a meal at Yangs, again enjoyed by all. After the agenda had been discussed, including future outings and events, everyone tucked into a fish and chip supper.

Raffles were won by Audrey Stansfield and Sue Britton.

Meetings are held every third Monday in the month, at 7pm at Victoria Park Community Centre. Call 01446 404891.

Come try Pilates!

THERE is a new Pilates class for beginners starting in Barry on Monday, April 16.

The class provides an introduction to Pilates for complete beginners or those with a little experience. The course lasts for five weeks and costs £39. Booking is essential, there are only 12 places available.

Pilates classes are a great way to take care of yourself. Pilates can help you to increase your flexibility, strengthen, and improve muscle tone, core and pelvic floor strength.

Classes are led by Sharon, a highly-experienced and qualified Pilates teacher. Exercises are performed on the mat to increase your strength and flexibility, improve your posture and body control. People usually feel relaxed and revitalised after the Pilates classes.

There are a range of classes from beginners

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Dinas Powys: Developers promise strict control of vehicles

THE developers of 70 houses at Caerleon Road must minimise disruption to residents during the construction period – that was the plea by Plaid Cymru councillors following an open day organised by United Welsh Housing Association and Kier the developers.

Plaid community councillor Chris Franks said: "The open day was a welcome opportunity to raise issues.

"We stressed that in the area of the site but also along Castle Drive, outside Tesco, and near the schools, there must be careful control of delivery vehicles and

other traffic that is linked to the site.

"We were assured by the developers that there would be strict control."

Cllr Franks added: "There is to be a storage lagoon for periods of exceptionally heavy rain in the corner of the site near the railway. We were also told that the sewage pipes were larger than required to provide additional water storage."

Cllr John Fanshaw said: "The housing mix was interesting with about 24 houses to be managed by the housing association, an element of affordable housing with the balance of the 70 dwellings to be private."

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SIAN'S PADDLEBOARD MARATHON AROUND WALES



SIAN Sykes is doing a singlehanded paddleboard around Wales and arrived in the Vale this week.

Barry Coastguard supervised her journey west from Penarth to Fontygary.

Sian owns a paddleboarding company in Anglesey, and is doing a full Welsh loop because she started off by using inland waterways to the east.

She is a member of Surfers Against Sewage and is hoping to raise awareness of marine litter, and encourage people to do more coastal clean-ups.

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Barry gets Lottery grant

BARRY is among five special places across Wales which are celebrating as they will share close to £1.5 million of National Lottery money to support their future 'cultural development'.

Barry will receive £252,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Great Place scheme to "explore how its unique heritage can help create a successful future".

The Great Place Scheme will be implemented across the UK, but the Heritage Lottery Fund has designed a tailored programme in Wales.

The funding puts, said a spokesperson, "heritage at the heart of 'joined-up' thinking to create better places for people to live, work and visit".

Commenting on today's announcement, Baroness Kay Andrews, UK trustee and chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Wales, said: "Heritage and culture give a place a unique identity and makes it special for the people that live there, be it the legacy of Barry's industrial heritage or the magical beauty of the Preseli hills.

"Our Great Place

programme will demonstrate how building on those strong roots can have a hugely positive impact on local economies in terms of health, employment and education, as well as instilling 'community cohesion and pride'."

The £252,000 project in Barry will be led by the Vale Council and its leader, Cllr John Thomas, sees this as a great opportunity:

"Across Wales, our heritage is what makes us unique and Barry is no different. Heritage attracts tourists and visitors and inspires local residents and businesses, and can make a huge difference to the way people feel about the places they live in and visit.

"This significant investment will help us and our project partners develop a project that will help bring communities together to celebrate our heritage.

"It has the potential to make a real difference to people's lives in the town itself and wider afield across the county."

The other four places that will benefit are Llanelli, the "north Wales slate heartland", Colwyn Bay, and Preseli in Pembrokeshire.

Llancarfan parents protest over school closure plans

PARENTS of pupils in Llancarfan are organising a protest group to try and stop Vale Council plans to close the village's primary school.

Under the plan, Llancarfan Primary School would close and staff and pupils would move to a new school that will be built in Rhoose and will have a capacity about double of the village school.

It is the second time in recent years that the future of the school, which has around 100 pupils, has been called into question.

Five years ago, the then

Labour-controlled Vale Council proposed the possible closure of three small primary schools – Llancarfan, Oak Field in Barry and Llancarfan.

That proposal led to the formation of fierce opposition groups and in the end the plan was dropped. All three schools stayed open.

Five years ago, the possibility of a new school in Rhoose was not mentioned but now, with a Conservative-controlled Vale Council in place, the new plan for Llancarfan is currently in a period of consultation.

The GEM understands that

Llancarfan parents are forming an official group, and the matter was discussed at a community council meeting on Tuesday evening (March 27).

A spokeswoman told The GEM that they would be arguing that the new Rhoose school was needed for children in Rhoose because of the number of new houses being built there.

She added that Llancarfan residents felt that it would change the character of the village, and that it was unreasonable to expect children as young as four or five to be transported three miles to school.

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'Council merger will make Vale a Cardiff suburb'

A LLANTWIT Major councillor has slammed Welsh Government proposals to merge councils, saying the Vale will lose its voice and become a suburb of Cardiff.

A Welsh Government 'Green Paper' has been published proposing 10 possible new council areas with the Vale merging with Cardiff, and Bridgend joining up with Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil.

Local Government Secretary Alun Davies says he wants to see local government "more powerful in the future than it is today" and encourage a debate about its future.

But Cllr Gwyn John told The GEM: "If this happens I'm frightened for the future. The Vale will lose its voice and become a suburb of Cardiff. People should not kid themselves, they won't save a penny."

When news broke last week that a local authority reorganisation was back on the agenda, the Leader of the Vale Council John Thomas commented: "The Green Paper indicates that the Welsh Government recognises that current funding arrangements for local authorities are unsustainable."

"However, forced mergers, with huge upfront costs and massive disruption to vital services, are not the solution. I would expect

politicians of all persuasions to unite to protect the future of the council and the Vale of Glamorgan itself."

Cllr John said: "I agreed with everything that John Thomas said. "If the Vale merges with Cardiff we will lose about 18 councillors and have about 29 left."

"Cardiff will have around 55 councillors – almost double the number of the Vale."

"Cardiff's interests will come first with the Vale being outvoted for everything."

Cllr John said Cardiff might be in favour of a merger because it would like to control Cardiff Airport.

He said he found it ironic that there was a push to reorganise local authorities when there were calls for an increase of 20 to 30 Welsh Assembly Members, which would be a big extra cost.

He said he had particular concerns for the western Vale and how it would be treated under a Greater Cardiff authority.

"The rural Vale will suffer hugely with more housing and fewer facilities."

Cllr John has served on the Vale Council for 19 years, on Llantwit Town Council for 19 years, and served as a Vale Cabinet member for seven years. He doesn't believe that decision makers in Cardiff understand local government because many of them haven't served as local councillors.

He added: "The Vale Council has been the top council for the last three years so it makes no sense to change what is already working."

TIM CHAPMAN



Paul 'Leggsy' Lewis and Robert 'Biccy' Brown.

Barry's internet stars are back!

TWO Barry men who have become popular with football fans on the internet have put up a new video that is already attracting thousands of hits.

Paul Lewis, known as 'Leggsy' and Robert Brown, known as 'Biccy' are Liverpool fanatics, and are filmed by Paul's brother Alun.

They have developed a reputation for delivering forthright views laced with humour.

Filming takes place in a wooden studio that Paul built in his back garden.

Within hours of the latest film being uploaded it had racked up 2,500 hits. You can find it by going on Paul Lewis's Facebook page (where is pictured next to the Champions League trophy).

In the latest film they analyse Liverpool current form and talk about the Jamie Carragher controversy.

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PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Cadoc officers will be holding a surgery at Waitrose, Palmerston Road Barry between 2pm and 3.30pm today (March 29).

Your local officers will be at Morrisons Supermarket on Wednesday, April 4 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Why not come along and meet them and discuss any issues you may have, or perhaps get some handy crime prevention advice.

Meetings in Penarth: Penarth police officers will be holding a surgery at Penarth Library on Thursday, April 5 between 10.30 am and 11.30am and Thursday, April 12, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

Dinas Powys PACT will be held at Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road Dinas Powys at 6pm today (March 29).

Meetings in the Vale: If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting please contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

WORK STARTS ON FIVE MILE LANE IMPROVEMENTS

CONSTRUCTION of the new Five Mile Lane (A4226) is now underway and the laying of the main elements of the new road will begin this summer.

It is anticipated the road will be completed in the summer of 2019.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Cllr John Thomas, and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, Ken Skates AM today officially marked the beginning of construction with a turf cutting at the site.

Cllr Thomas said: "Today marks a significant milestone for economic development in the Vale. This is a scheme of great importance, not just because of the £25m investment but because of the huge potential benefits it offers both the Vale and south Wales as a whole."

"When completed, the new road will significantly cut journey times for local residents, but more importantly will also reduce those between Culverhouse Cross and both the Cardiff Airport and St Athan enterprise zones. This will provide a vital stimulus to investment in both."

"The upgraded road will also bring improved public transport options and a safe cycling route."

Ken Skates said: "We are funding this vital piece of civil engineering to help the Vale Council improve the A4226, or Five Mile Lane, to better the access and journey time to Cardiff Airport and St Athan Enterprise Zones."

"The work will increase safety and journey time reliability along this section of the highway, and all routes to Cardiff Airport from the West, either via the A48 or the A4232, will



John Thomas and Ken Skates at Five Mile Lane for the start of construction work.

benefit." Detailed design work for the project is currently being finalised by lead contractor Alun Griffiths.

A public drop-in centre will be established at the contractor's offices. Members of the public can call in and ask the contractor questions regarding the project during normal working hours.

Alun Griffiths, project manager said: "We look forward to leaving a

legacy to improve the strategic network for St Athan within an area that our staff either work, live or use."

The contract was awarded by the Vale Council in October and formally agreed in December 2017.

Preparatory works including some land clearance, began in early 2018 and the site compound from which the scheme will be managed was put in place earlier this month.

Dogs in public places scheme is being reviewed

AN evaluation of the 'Paws in the Vale' pilot project, a dog friendly scheme in the rural Vale, is being undertaken by the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities Team.

This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government and the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The deadline for the survey is Tuesday, April 3, and feedback will enable the council to decide whether to continue promoting the area as being dog friendly.

The feedback from the survey will enable the council to decide to continue promoting the area as being dog friendly.

DIAG protest at King Square ON Saturday, March 31 there will be a DIAG pop-up protest from 12 noon in King Square, Barry.

A spokesman said: "There will be music, information for those interested and a fundraising raffle. Do come along if you would like to let off steam or have any burning issues."

Murch coffee

A COFFEE morning will take place at Murch Bowling Club, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys on Saturday, April 7 from 10am to 12.30pm.

Bric-a-brac, a cake stall, nearly new stall, raffle etc. Proceeds in aid of Ty Hapus, Barry.

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Friday 6th April	Saturday 7th April

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VALE COUNCIL EMPLOYEES HOLD AUCTION FOR FOODBANK



Front, from left: Lisa Bowen (VoG); Anne-Marie Taylor (VF); and Cllr Gordon Kemp. Middle: Ushna Parmar (VoG). Back, from left: Amanda Gardener (VoG); Amber Condy (VoG); Landon Mears (VF); and Mike Holmes (VF).

A CHEQUE for £500 has been given to Vale Food Bank by employees of the Vale Council.

Employees from the council's Social Services Directorate came together to donate unwanted Christmas gifts, which were then sold on to the highest bidder at a silent auction held last month at the council's Dock Offices.

Gifts up for grabs included children's books and toys, chocolates, a sports watch, toiletries, and slippers and a pair of concert tickets donated by Motorpoint Arena Cardiff, with the funds raised at the auction donated to the local 'emergency' Vale Foodbank.

Vale Foodbank opened in September 2011 with one centre in Barry, but since then has expanded to five foodbank centres across the Vale. The project was founded by local churches.

A spokesperson said: "Recognising and appreciating the dedication and hard work of the volunteers at Vale Foodbank, colleagues in the council's social services teams wanted to

give something to the project and extend their gratitude by hosting the silent auction."

Cllr Gordon Kemp, Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure, wished to say thank you to the local charitable organisation and those involved in organising the auction: "Volunteers at Vale Foodbank work continually throughout the year to support those in crisis. If someone in the Vale is in need of food and toiletries, the project is there to help."

"They do a fantastic job, and our colleagues at the council have recognised this by hosting this silent auction. The more we, as a local community, can do to help raise a little extra for charitable organisations like Vale Foodbank, the more people we can help avoid hunger in the Vale."

"This has been a real community effort and I'd like to thank all of those involved."

FOE SUPPORTS DIAG

MEMBERS of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth enjoyed an event in the Castle Hotel on March 25.

The Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) was raising funds for its campaign against the incinerator.

People came from all around Barry town. It was a great family event with plenty of activity for the children and musical entertainment for all.

DIAG has led members of the community to protest at the incinerator but had been stopped at ABP's locked gates.

DIAG is still waiting for the Welsh

Government to insist on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) they are 'minded' to require before the incinerator fires up.

During the recent pre-commissioning of the incinerator, noise and lighting produced by the process were disturbing local residents, yet nothing was done to alleviate their concerns. This does not augur well for the future.

Barry & Vale FoE waits to hear the detail of the new recycling

scheme to be implemented in September.

Members were pleased to see immediate action on plastic waste, with many places, including supermarkets, withdrawing plastic straws altogether.

The next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, April 3.

Keith Stockdale

Estuary sediment assessed as safe

NATURAL Resources Wales (NRW) has completed its assessment of the sample results of proposed dredged material from the Bristol Channel set for disposal in Welsh waters.

Analysis of the samples by independent experts, against international guidelines, found the chemical and radiological results were within acceptable, safe limits.

Following the results, NRW said it

is satisfied there is no risk from the dredged material to people, the environment, or the wildlife that lives there.

John Wheadon of NRW said: "The sediment from the dredge sites has been tested thoroughly by independent experts."

"We are satisfied there is no risk to people or the environment and the material is safe for disposal."

There will be more on this story in next week's GEM.

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Arthritis group

A NEW Living Well with Arthritis support group has started in Barry at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

The group can help with information on diet, medication, Tai Chi and Yoga, and sessions are held on the first Tuesday afternoon in each month, from 1.30pm to 4pm.

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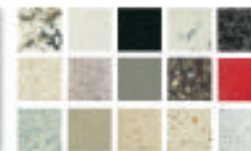
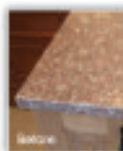
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ED EVANS WALK TAKES PLACE EASTER MONDAY

THE annual 'Walk the Vale' event in memory of Ed Evans takes place on Easter Monday, April 2.

The walk raises funds for the Ed Evans Foundation which was set up by Ed in 2006 after he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Ed, who was brought up in Marcross, lost his battle against the disease in October 2007.

The foundation's aim is to raise money for cancer research in Wales, brain tumour research and for other local causes.

Those who want to take part in Walk the Vale 2018 should meet up on Easter Monday at The Plough and Harrow, Monknash (CF71 7QQ).

There's a long or a short walk and registration is from 9am for both treks.

Information is available on the foundation's website www.edevansfoundation.co.uk or by telephone on 01656 890217.



John and Sue Evans with foundation trustees Hopkin Joseph, Tanya Wilson and Hilary Evans, presenting the cheque to Mr Brian Lakin, chairman of the 'Closer to Home' Appeal.

Ed's mother Sue said: "This has been a very popular event for the last 10 years and is a very enjoyable family day out. Dogs are allowed on leads. Let's hope for a fine sunny day."

The foundation recently supported Tenovus by donating £25,000 to its 'Closer to Home Appeal' to build a third mobile support unit.

The new unit will be a lot more than just somewhere patients can have their chemotherapy. Patients will benefit from a complete package of cancer treatment, support and care.

The unit will be more than 60 per cent bigger than the first one, making it the largest mobile chemotherapy unit in the world. It will have space for eight

patients at a time and during its lifetime it could deliver over 125,000 treatments.

Due to the significant donation the foundation will have a room named after it in the unit.

Ed's family emphasised that the donation was made possible by the continued generous support of family, friends and the wider community. **TC**

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The unknown stories of Barry's known warriors

IT was supposed to be the war to end all wars.

The First World left millions of people dead, and millions more wounded and scarred forever by the most dreadful conflict the world had yet seen.

Hundreds of men from the area would never return home.

This September the Royal British Legion is organising a Festival of Remembrance at Barry Memorial Hall to commemorate all those who served during the Great War.

As part of this event a definitive Roll of Honour book is being compiled by local

military historian Dr Jonathan Hicks.

Dr Hicks said: "I have spent over a decade researching the local casualties from both world wars and have discovered hundreds of men who should be on the Roll of Honour. This is an opportunity to produce a definitive Barry Roll of Honour for the Great War and it will include men from all the services, including the Merchant Navy.

"It will be a single copy book which will be used during the Drumhead Service that we are planning for September 22.

Thereafter, it will be

donated to the Memorial Hall for safekeeping and reference."

Despite his extensive research there are still a number of names on the Roll of Honour inside Barry Memorial Hall who cannot be traced.

"The Roll has a number of errors and duplications on it too, so this is a chance to get it right and I am appealing for help in tracing these names so that they too can be included in this memorial book."

If you are able to identify any of the men listed below, please email Dr Hicks at

nnian27@btinternet.co.uk or call him on 07708 255295.

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'Lively' Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross needs a home

MAX is a 'lively' three-year-old Shar-Pei-cross Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

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He is best suited as the only pet in the home, so that he can have all the cuddles to himself.

A few visits to the centre will be required to get to know him.

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Amelia Trust Farm set to introduce entrance charges

AMELIA Trust Farm is to introduce a pilot asking for a financial contribution from visitors to the farm at weekends and school holidays to help it cover its costs.

"For 27 years," said a spokeswoman, "this farm has been helping vulnerable people, as well as providing generations of parents with a precious green space in the rural Vale to visit with their children."

The registered charity on the Five Mile Lane receives no statutory funding and relies on grants and donations to run the farm and carry out the vital work they do with young people in the south Wales area.

It costs over £8,000 a week to run the farm and deliver the projects.

Karen Turnbull, farm director, stated: "In the current economic climate, it is very difficult to sustain the upkeep of a 160 acre site. We have more than 20 different species of animals to feed and look

after, as well as supporting many different projects for vulnerable people throughout the year.

"The work we do is vital to a cross section of young people in south Wales who feel excluded from society.

"With our help, 84 per cent of these young people move on to further education, training or employment after spending time on placement at the farm."

The pilot will start during the Easter holidays on Good Friday, March 30. There will be an entrance charge of £2 per adult and £1.50 per child over two years, or £5 for a family ticket (two adults and up to three children).

Also on offer will be a Friend of the Farm membership deal for regular customers. For £5 per month, Friend of the Farm members will receive a family ticket for free entry throughout the year including special events, five per cent discount off children's party packages and a free monthly newsletter to keep up to date on what is happening at the farm.

REBECCA PALMER

Trinity's fashion show is a success

DESPITE the recent snowy weather hampering ticket sales, a good number of people turned up on March 20, to support the fun fashion show at Trinity Methodist Church, Penarth.

On arrival, everybody was given a free raffle ticket, a generous discount voucher from Bonmarche, and a fashion-based word-search to fill in while they waited for the show to begin.

Our four first-time models forgot their nerves and entered into the spirit of the evening, treating us to the crisp, clean lines of the casual and holiday sections, through examples of more formal clothes and finishing with warm and snugly nightwear.

At the end of the show the clothes were brought back into the room for the audience to more closely inspect the cut and feel of the fabrics. There was a lovely atmosphere, with old friends meeting up and new friendships being formed.

A quick fashion quiz followed, with prizes awarded to the winner and runner-up.

After further sales of tickets, the raffle was drawn, with over 30 donated prizes being won around the room.

Hot drinks and a lovely selection of biscuits brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Many thanks were given to Bonmarche, to our brave models, to all who donated raffle prizes or made a financial donation, to everyone who worked so hard before, during and after the event, and to all who supported it. Enjoy treating yourselves with your vouchers.

With £240 being raised - a quarter of the amount needed for Trinity's Heart Defibrillator - the organisers were thrilled, and have promised further fundraising events in the future to help cover the cost - so watch this space for news, and do come back to support us, we'd love to see you again.

Thank you so much.

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AM's breakfast focused on gender equality

ON March 22, Vale AM Jane Hutt held her annual Spring Breakfast in the Glamorgan Suite at Cardiff and Vale College.

This year, she joined forces with Chwarae Teg to launch its new service - the 'Fairplay Employer benchmark' - which supports employers and organisations across the private, public and third sector to deliver gender equality in their business, giving them the benefits of a truly balanced work force.

Chwarae Teg chief executive Cerys Furlong spoke at the event and said: "Chwarae Teg's vision is for Wales to be a world leader in gender equality. By working to close the gender gaps, we could add £150bn to UK GDP by 2025 which would mean an eight per cent growth in the Welsh economy.

"Organisations that subscribe to our service will be benchmarked in terms of gender equality

in their sector and will qualify for one of four levels of FairPlay Employer award."

Ms Hutt said: "I was delighted to welcome Chwarae Teg to the Glamorgan Suite at Cardiff and Vale College to speak to local employers in the private, public and third sectors about their FairPlay employer service.

"In terms of equal pay and the gender pay gap, we still have much to do - as Cerys Furlong highlighted.

"The gender pay gap in Wales stands at 15 per cent and only six of Wales' top 100 companies have female chief executives.

"Guests were able to ask questions, share ideas and experience and develop links.

"I would like to thank the wonderful staff and students who cooked and presented our delicious breakfast."



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Who wants to take on the Tall Ships challenge?

THE Challenge Wales sail training charity is on the hunt for 13 young people to take up its fully funded places in either the spectacular Tall Ships Races or the Three Festivals Tall Ships Regatta this year.

Applicants should be aged 16-25 years and the deadline is Sunday, April 15.

The award-winning charity already operates a bursary scheme to subsidise all UK residents to take part in its activities. However, extra funding is enabling Challenge Wales to offer eight fully funded places, to those living in

a CF postcode area across two of its nine-day Tall Ships legs this summer which will sail from Denmark to Norway and race from Norway to the Netherlands onboard Challenge Wales, Wales' Tall Ship.

A further five fully funded places are available on the charity's other vessel Adventure Wales which will be in the Three Festivals Tall Ships Regatta, a 10-day experience, racing from Liverpool to Dublin before returning to Cardiff.

The funding will cover 100 per cent of the voyage costs and in addition a small travel bursary is included to help with travel to and from overseas ports.

Young people can nominate themselves or ask a teacher, parent/guardian, emp-

loyer, relative or group leader to nominate them.

Vicky Williams, a trustee, said: "We're looking for young people who are wanting an adventure and are up for a challenge. Young people take an active part in running the boat, so it's not just sailing but also cooking, cleaning and working in watches!"

"We're specifically looking for deserving young people, perhaps someone has been working hard for exams or at work and needs a break."

It might be someone who has been caring for a parent or sibling or faced bereavement, someone looking to

enhance their CV and develop their teamwork and communication skills or someone who would enjoy new cultures."

To get an application form and information pack email reservations@challenge-wales.org or call 029 20 704 657. Applicants must be available to travel from May 27 to June 5 (for the Liverpool-Dublin-Cardiff voyage) or July 20 to July 28 for Denmark - Norway voyage) or July 28 to August 5 (for Norway to Netherlands voyage).

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'TAKE ACTION OVER AUTISM'

THIS week marks World Autism Awareness Week.

Autism is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with - and relates to - other people.

It occurs in varying levels of severity. Some autistic people also have learning disabilities and/or mental health issues, meaning people need different levels of support.

There is no cure for autism. Autistic children become autistic adults.

With the right sort of support, all can be helped to live a more

fulfilling life of their own choosing.

Much can be achieved to make life less challenging with appropriate education and support. It is crucial that there are services in place to meet the needs of the 700,000 people on the autism spectrum in the UK today.

Autism specific legislation already exists in England and Northern Ireland, but currently there is no such equivalent in Wales.

The last time the Welsh Conservatives in the National Assembly tried to speak up for the autism community in October 2016, Welsh Labour voted against this proposed law.

The good news is that Preseli AM, Paul Davies, won the members ballot and has proposed an Autism Bill for Wales.

The Bill aims to ensure that the needs of Wales' 34,000-strong autism community are enshrined into law.

If successful, the Bill would mean health boards and councils would be legally required to specify what services they need to deliver, and would expand upon the Welsh Government's autism strategy.

Many carers and autistic people say this

strategy does not go far enough to provide the essential support that is often required.

Paul Davies said: "The entire point of this legislation is to put the provision of autism services on a statutory footing and secure a measure of permanence and sustainability in care and support services for people with autism spectrum conditions."

In this Autism Awareness week, I would encourage everyone to learn more about the condition, wear onesies, bake cakes and raise funds for your local support group - or one of the fantastic national charities.

I would also urge them to take part in the consultation, available online via the Welsh Assembly website or by following this link:

<http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?id=293>

Finally, don't leave it there. Please use this opportunity to make your assembly member aware of your support by writing to them to encourage them to vote for this bill when it is introduced to the assembly before July 13. **Clr Carolyn Webster, Bridgend.**

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UHW could host 'trauma unit' for south Wales area

HEALTH chiefs in Wales have recommended the establishment of a major trauma network which would include a centre at the University Hospital of Wales.

'Major trauma' is defined as multiple, serious injuries that could result in disability or death. They might include serious head injuries, gunshot wounds or injuries caused by road traffic accidents.

The chairs and chief executives of the seven Welsh health boards have recommended the idea of a network for south Wales, west Wales and south

Powys to their organisations.

The recommendations were generated by an independent panel of experts.

The recommendations propose that: a trauma network is quickly established; children and adults should be treated at the same sites; a major trauma centre should be located at the University Hospital of Wales; Morriston Hospital should host a unit too, and a timetable should be set for establishing the network.

The recommendations will be considered by health boards across the region at their board meetings held in public on March 29 and decisions are likely to be made.

Floral Society

THE Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society will meet on Wednesday, April 11 at 7.30pm at Awel - y - Mor.

A flower demonstration by Wendy Davies, entitled, 'Awakening' will be the subject. Doors open 6.30pm; a warm welcome for everyone.

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CAVC students pick up prize in film competition

A GROUP of students from Cardiff and Vale College have come third in a UK-wide film competition.

The 10 Foundation Degree in Film learners came third in the National Association for Managers of Student Services' annual film competition. Now in its second year, the NAMSS Film Awards were celebrated at a ceremony in Birmingham.

Students were briefed to produce a short film to reflect a young person's view on why voting is important. Alexander Jones, Anna Shaw, Catherine Proctor, Dylan Lewis, Harrison Ellis, Haydn Wakeling and Sean Davies won high street vouchers for £500, while CAVC was awarded £500 for equipment.

Thirty-two-year-old Sean Davies from Barry collected the award on behalf of his fellow students.

"It's a great result as it's a national award, not just a Wales-based competition," he said.



Sean Davies with the award.

"We only had two days to get the film done so to come third was quite an achievement as some of the other competitors had longer to prepare.

"There were 10 of us working on the film and everyone played their part. The film was about the importance of voting and whether 16 to 18-year-olds should have the

right to vote, which is quite topical at the moment, especially in Wales.

"Winning this competition is helpful – sometimes doing things like this gives you a bit of extra motivation to go on and do other things that will help you in your course." CS

Adieu Communities First; hello Communities for Work

PEOPLE from all over the Vale joined Barry's Communities First team to mark the end of its many years.

Communities First is a Vale Council-led, Welsh Government-funded 'anti-poverty programme'.

Its last event will be on Good Friday, April 1 as the Welsh Government decided to stop funding in February last year.

The team will be renamed and known as 'Communities for Work'.

People who took part in the projects and programmes, and partner organisations, met at Mount Rooms in Barry, to say adieu to the team.

Ashish Poddar, founder of FreshTies, a social enterprise and not-for-profit organisation, who has been working alongside Communities First for years, opened the event on March 22.

Mr Poddar, in a heartfelt and moving speech, said:

"Sometimes, we all need somebody to understand, somebody to hold a hand and somebody to clap a hand.

"The stories shared today show that it is only human to be a

friend and to want a friend."

Team members discussed their work on projects, which covered a range of topics to try to help improve people's lives, which included healthy living, which covered weight loss and healthy eating and workshops and courses on employment, IT and training support.

The team also ran several support sessions such as two weekly job clubs, four digital drop-in sessions, advice surgeries at Citizens Advice Bureaux, and 'school transition support' groups.

Colin Davies, a 'cluster manager', said: "Today we are here to celebrate our achievements.

"We have worked with thousands of people over the years.

"Our most recent news is Barry Kicks, a

football project aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour."

Some 200 young people attended, the invited audience was told.

He went on: "Adele Twomey, the 'community wellbeing coach', helped them with grants, and they have now raised £4,000 and will run for two more years."

The evening included short video clips of people who have been involved with the Communities First team, including recently qualified, fitness instructor Mark Rees from Barry.

Mark 'reached out' to Communities First, and with their support he completed a health and wellbeing course at Cardiff and Vale College. He also lost six stone and ran two Cardiff half marathons.

Table top at St James

ST James Church Wick is holding a table top sale, coffee morning and cake sale on Saturday, April 14 from 10am to 12pm in the village hall, Wick.

Tables available £4 – £6; call Lou 01656 890505 or Pennie 01656 890297.

Welfare rights advice

IF you live in the Vale and need some advice or help on benefits, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights advice service which can help with advice and form filling.

A session will be held on Tuesday, April 3 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment needed; come along between 9.30am and 12pm. Call 01446 732385 for further information or to arrange a home visit if necessary.

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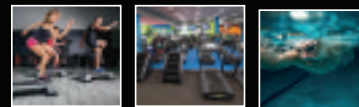
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Wishes of fair winds and following seas for Len

THE piper's lament as he led the funeral cortege to the Cardiff and Vale Crematorium became, appropriately for an old man of the sea, Sailing.

Mourners, some 60 or so, gathered in a brisk wind and under a sunny sky, to pay their last respects to Leonard Fellows, late of the Merchant Navy, who died aged 82.

Yet only a handful of the mourners – which was made up of HM Armed Forces veterans, representatives of Royal Navy Cadets, who executed a salute as the hearse came to a halt, and other members of the public – actually knew him.

Most of those present that knew Len, as we were told he liked to be known, were people who helped and cared for him in the care home where he lived out his last days.

Len's family – he was the fourth and last child – comprised an elder sister who made Australia her home the 1950s, and her family, and even today, it is a long, hard journey to make.

Len, we were told, did not find a soulmate. Life for anyone in the Armed

Forces or Merchant Navy means long periods away from home, and friends tend to be one's shipmates, those from the same squadron or company.

A life of service at sea and abroad is not conducive to relationships and it has its downside.

In his later years, friends for Len were his books, and a crafty gasper.

A piece of music by Enya (*Watermark*) and two hymns saw Len on his journey.

It is remarkable how the lustiest of voices can crack during *Abide With Me* and *Eternal Father Strong To Save* – especially during the refrain 'For those in peril on the sea'.

We are a nation of seafarers; it's in our blood. Evidence of this, if needed, is those in the audience – whether they have ever put to sea or not – that listen to *Sailing By* then *The Shipping Forecast* each day at 0048hrs (or at whatever time depending on where in the world they are) on Radio 4.

Part of its odd, poetic comfort for those on land and far from peril is that we are not experiencing hurricane-force winds and phenomenal sea states.

And of poetry, Tennyson's *Crossing the*

Bar, an elegy for those going into the 'boundless deep', was read and rang true.

Everyone had their own reason for attending, but 'not wanting Len to be alone' was said by many.

And he was not alone. Strangers, who read a story in this paper, fleetingly became Len's shipmates, each wishing him fair winds and following seas.

Crossing the Bar:
*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!*

*And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,*

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

*Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,*

*And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,*

*When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place*

*The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have cross'd the bar.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Diabetes event

DIABETES UK have active support groups in the Vale.

Adjusting to the knowledge that you or a family member have diabetes takes time and it is often helpful to meet other people who have been through a similar situation. They can offer support, help and understanding at an important time.

While a support group cannot give you medical advice, it can signpost you to a local diabetes specialist nurse. Elaine Adams will be available to chat to at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, April 3 from 10am to 12pm. There will be useful leaflets and publications. No appointment is needed, just call in; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge litter pick

THE next Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter litterpick will take place on Sunday, April 8 from 10am for an hour or so.

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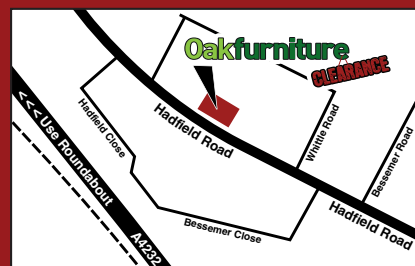
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Out & About with The GEM

Get dancing at the Memo

A FREE Easter holiday event, featuring four short performances and a chance to dance at the Memo Arts Centre, Barry will take place on Wednesday, April 4 at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm.

Cardiff-based arts organisations Bombastic and Coreo Cymru are collaborating on a 'family dance event' which will tour Wales.

Three dance companies, Bombastic, Gary and Pel and Jukebox Collective, plus local dance groups will perform in what has been described as a "jam-packed hour of pop up dance that is fun, funky, fabulous, and free".

Performed three times a day, the event is suitable for all ages and includes audio described shows in both Welsh and English.

Nick Capaldi, chief executive of Arts Council of Wales, said: "These events, bursting with creativity, energy and fun, will give young people all over the country the opportunity to experience some of the best contemporary dance that Wales has to offer."

Wall Flowers is Bombastic's brand new show choreographed and performed by Sean Tuan John with dancers Rosalind Haf Brooks and Côt Haf.

The performance fuses quirky, idiosyncratic dance with forms of humorous audience interaction and created to appeal to both children and adults.

'CarCrash Wedding' from Gary and Pel: Gary and Pel have just said "I do" and are driving off into the sunset... it's the happiest day of their lives until their celebration takes a turn for the worse as their car breaks down in the middle of nowhere.

Expect wedding bells, chaos and laughter. A 10-minute live action cartoon escapade for all ages to enjoy, featuring slapstick humour and dynamic dance.

Jukebox Collective brings us world-class Hip Hop with BBC *Young Dancer* finalist Kate Morris' goody and charming solo 'Drifter'.

Plus, a playful duet made specially for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's visit to Wales, that is sure to have you bobbing along. MS

Pacific Rim Uprising is a Jaeger bomb!

ONE of the more enjoyably bonkers blockbusters of the last few years was Guillermo Del Toro's *Pacific Rim*.

A film about gigantic robots (Jaegers) battling gigantic creatures (Kaiju) who come from a portal under the sea shouldn't be anything less than fun and Del Toro's film certainly was that.

Despite slightly iffy box office returns we're back for round two in *Pacific Rim Uprising*, with the directorial duties this time around falling to Steven S. DeKnight.

Set years after the events of the first film, we catch up with Jake Pentecost (John Boyega), son of the inimitable Stacker, who gave his life to stop the Kaiju in the first film.

Unlike his heroic father, Jake is a former Jaeger pilot who became disenfranchised and wastes his days. But when he is forced back into service, along with a teenager, Amara

(Cailee Spaeny), he becomes embroiled with Jake, his former friend Nate (Scott Eastwood) and his estranged sister Mako (Rinko Kikuchi) must saddle up and defend the world again from a whole new threat...

It says much of Guillermo Del Toro's directorial skill that he could take something pretty lowbrow in the concept of robots vs monsters and give it a sense of scale and wonder that made for an entertaining, if dumb, popcorn film.

It's a path that Steven S. DeKnight has followed with *Pacific Rim Uprising*, the only issue being that DeKnight's experience of show running series' such as *Daredevil* and directing episodes of TV shows results in a film that lacks the visual ambition and excitement that Del Toro brought to the table, and sadly feels like a dumb, cookie-cutter blockbuster film devoid of charm and style.

It's a big job for a first-time film director to tackle, and it's one that

DeKnight struggles with, falling into the trap of dodgy CGI, unimaginative robot-monster smackdowns and (as one of four credited writers) lifeless characters saddled with dialogue that stumbles, rather than trips, off the tongue.

What gave the first film a sense of personality was Del Toro's love of the Japanese films that influenced both the story and the visual style; unfortunately DeKnight's direction falls somewhere between Michael Bay's brawn-over-brains

Transformers films and the *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers* TV series (neither comparison is a compliment).

There's just a distinct lack of magic, it all feels hollow and lifeless, not helped by a plot that trudges its way through predictable beats with the central mystery answered early on, leaving you very little to hang your hat on. It also filches, without any real subtlety, elements from both *Independence Day* and its turgid sequel.

Unsurprisingly the



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performances are nothing to write home about. John Boyega proves he has charm personified in what is a decent turn from the actor, but equally one that feels tonally out of sync with the film – after all, if the world was under threat of extinction you too would no doubt find time for some quips.

What it does prove, however, is that Boyega is more than comfortable headlining a film of this ilk, he just deserves a bit more.

It helps that his

character has an arc and some stakes – the same can't be said for the other characters, the likes of Scott Eastwood, Burn Gorman, and Tian Jing all trying to wrestle with being given no depth whatsoever, while the characters that are given some semblance of backstory – Spaeny's Amara and the returning Charlie Day's Newt – are so irritating that you genuinely could not care less about them and what they do throughout the film.

It all adds up to a bit of a mess – dull, lifeless and pretty boring. This is the sort of film that could be so much more – and it makes you wonder what Del Toro, who passed on this film to take on *The Shape of Water*, and win an Oscar to boot, would have done with it.

However, in the hands

of Steven S. DeKnight, you're left with a film that, while inoffensive, just isn't particularly exciting or good – in short, you could describe *Pacific Rim Uprising* as a Jaeger bomb.

VERDICT – A blockbuster that feels clichéd and hackneyed, *Pacific Rim Uprising* has the odd flourish here and there, but most of the time it treads water.

Visually it's the same old CGI carnage, performance-wise the same old dull and flat characters – if only the admittedly inexperienced Steven S. DeKnight had injected some personality and life into proceedings, because as it is, this is boring, boring piece of work. Poor.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Pacific Rim* (2013), *Independence Day: Resurgence* (2016)

EASTER EGG HUNT!

COWBRIDGE Chamber of Trade will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt over the Easter weekend.

Fifteen local businesses on the High Street, Eastgate, Willow Walk, Town Hall and Verity Court have a poster of an Easter Egg with a number in their window and the aim is to match the number and the name.

The forms can be collected from Sylvia Williams Chemist. Please return the completed form to the chemist by Thursday, April 5 with name and contact details. The draw is to take place on April 6. There are 20 prizes, including a special prize for the winner.

Easter train rides in Barry

JOHN BUXTON, managing director of the Barry Tourist Railway, has announced that the Barry Tourist Railway will be operating Easter bunny trains from Barry Island over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Buxton said: "Every child travelling with us receives a chocolate Easter bunny or a soft toy, and the military museum and café will be open on all four days too Barry Tourist Railway is 'dog friendly'."

"Barry Island is the place to be for a good day out this Easter. Visitor facilities are improving all the time and more special events are also now taking place on the Island. Barry is a resort that is definitely on the up and up."

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For more information contact 01446 748816; email john.buxton@cambriantransport.com; or visit www.barrytouristrailway.co.uk; or look on Facebook.

Business award nominations open

APPLICATIONS for the 2018 South Wales Business Awards are now open.

A spokesperson said: "The competition, now in its 11th year, has championed the best in south Wales business."

Last year's awards were attended by more than 170 of the most successful business people in south Wales."

Sara Edwards, a Welsh television and radio presenter, is to host the South Wales Business Awards on Wednesday, June 6, at the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge.

The categories for this year's applications are: Young Entrepreneur of the year; Best New Start-up; Retail & Tourism Business of the year; Female Entrepreneur of the year; Business Services Business of the year;

Technological & Innovative Business of the year and South Wales Business of the year 2018 (drawn from winners of each category).

Founder of the South Wales Business Awards, Wesley Skene, said: "Each year the awards have championed the best in Welsh business."

"There are so many great businesses in Wales that aren't getting the recognition they deserve. The awards are the platform that can showcase their talent and achievements."

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A warm welcome to Coat King Groomers!

COAT King Groomers will soon be celebrating its first year in business, and what a fantastic year it's been.

The business is owned and run by Jude Burnell - a professional, qualified dog groomer - who is a member of the Pet Industry Federation.

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Vale Council celebrates International Women

WOMEN of all ages and backgrounds gathered at Barry's Art Central Gallery to mark International Women's Day recently.

The Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles, opened the event by welcoming the key speakers as well as the attendees, which included sixth form students from Stanwell School, WI members and councillors.

The first speaker was Chief Inspector Lisa Gore of the Chair of the South Wales Police Female Police Association, who shared a presentation showing female representatives in the police force from 1915 to the present day.

Chief Inspector Gore, said: "When I first joined the force, women were issued with skirts and trousers, but most



Cllr Janice Charles and Chief Inspector Lisa Gore with Stanwell School students.

of us wore trousers. I was given a handbag when I first joined, but I have never used it.

"In the Female Police Association, we lobby

for change and help female officers who approach us with any issues."

June Milligan, Commissioner at the

Equality and Human Rights Commission and Chair of its Wales Committee, talked about her roles in public service, including a diplomat representing the UK to the European institutions in Brussels.

She said: "I stand here as a woman; if my daughter was standing here, she would stand here as a gay woman and if my mother was standing here, she would be here as an elderly woman. We are all women, we are here today to celebrate and think about what it is to be in a fair society."

"It is us who need to change the world - do not let the world change you."

Rev Rosemary Hill, assistant Curate of the Parish of Penarth and Llandough, talked about her own journey into the church ministry, as a member of the LGBT community and a lone

parent.

Rev Hill said: "I stand here in a dog collar, in a position that traditionally, was meant for men. Women can be deacons, priests and bishops; however, there is still work to be done."

The last speaker was Melanie Constantinou, a Llantwit Major-based award winning businesswoman, offered networking advice and talked about her experiences of being a mother and a businesswoman.

Kate Beeslee (16), a sixth form student from Stanwell School who was invited to the event, said: "I think it was so great to hear from the inspirational women, and what they had experienced, particularly in terms of the workplace and about the work that still needs to be done. It's a great day to celebrate."



The winning team from Y Pant Comprehensive School. From left: Lydia Morgan, Tom Hart and Evie Morgan - with the chief executive of the Welsh Assembly, Manon Antoniazzi.

Y Pant School triumphs at ESU speaking contest

THIS year's Welsh final of the ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition for Schools was held once again in the debating chamber of Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay, on March 5.

The culmination of six heats held across Wales in the past few months, the final involved schools from Flintshire, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea, the Vale, and Cardiff.

The schools in the final were: Hawarden High School; St John the Baptist, Aberdare; Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Tawe, Swansea; Ysgol Y Pant, Pontyclun; Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, Barry, and St John's College, Cardiff.

The topics discussed were varied and challenging and standards were high - perhaps better than ever before at this competition - and the winning team from Y Pant Comprehensive School in Pontyclun have good reason to be proud of themselves.

Two sisters, chairwoman Lydia and speaker Evie Morgan, made up the team, very well supported by their questioner Tom Hart, and their chosen subject 'Social proof and confirmation bias are more persuasive than rational evidence' was effectively addressed and made the audience think about some of the nonsenses that arise from such a situation.

Certificates to mark their participation were presented to all the competitors by Lady Susie Inkin, deputy chair of the ESU south Wales branch.

The team from Ysgol Bryn Tawe were the runners-up in the competition and prizes were also awarded to Steffan Leonard as the Best Chairperson, to Evie Morgan as the Best Speaker and to Tom Hart as the Best Questioner.

The Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Morfudd Meredith, presented these and we



Contestants from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg Iwan Brown, Rhys Griffiths and Morgan Bailey receiving their certificates of participation from Lady Susie Inkin.

thank her for her continued support.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome the chief executive of the Welsh Assembly, Manon Antoniazzi, who spoke to congratulate the students and presented the Fairwood Trust Shield to the winning team.

This team now goes on to represent Wales at the UK Final at Churchill College, Cambridge on April 21. Our Welsh team from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg won the UK final last year and we hope that the team from Y Pant can repeat their success, flying the flag for Wales again in 2018.

The ESU's goal is to help young people 'find their voice', to develop key oracy skills and to develop students' self-confidence. To do this, the local branch runs competitions and workshops for primary and secondary students providing free training for students in the spring and summer terms, funded by our members who generously support our regular literary

New book is a 'memoir of hope', and you can meet the author

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Alison says: "I've never quite known how to explain what our daily life is like. I wanted to write how it is

in order to give others a greater understanding of disability and caring."

The event will take place at Waterloo Tea, Penarth, on Thursday, April 5, with doors opening 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10, including a glass of wine, nibbles and a discount of books purchased.

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News from Llangan School

PUPILS of Llangan School have enjoyed a busy and interesting term and are looking forward to their annual Easter egg raffle, which is organised by the Friends of Llangan School.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, March 29. The school has raised £195 by selling Easter chicks [Editor's note: not real ones.] for Velindre Hospital.

A big thank you must go to the children's parents for their support throughout the year.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

THE meeting held in the Treoes village hall

on March 23 was most interesting.

The speaker said the chapel is now looking as it was in 1841 when it was newly built by John Rees of Waterton at a cost of £240, with help from the villagers.

St Mary Hill Church

THIS year's Easter Day service will take place on Easter Sunday, April 1 at 7.30am. It will be a Holy Eucharist service conducted by Rev David Boulton. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

Forthcoming concert

TICKETS are still available for the forthcoming concert by students of Atlantic College, the venue: St Canna's Llangan on April 12 at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7.50, to include a raffle.

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Paper applications will continue to be accepted until Tuesday 04 April 2018.

As always our team will be on hand to offer support and guidance for residents completing the new online form and answer any other queries customers may have. Those who are unable to access the online form will need to contact the Homes4U administration team to request an alternative version.

Please Note: Paper forms will only be issued in exceptional circumstances.

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'The Lion' is king at Sully Painting Group's contest

'The Lion' was the overall winner of Sully Painting Group's Annual Competition.

A pastel picture of a lion by Glynis Audrey Gould was awarded the Three Kens Award for the best overall picture following a vote by members on March 20.

Local Artist Peggy Davies was the judge of the three categories of entry, acrylic and oil, watercolour, pastel and pencil.

Glynis's picture of a lion was selected by Peggy as the best entry in the pastel competition. Joy Tusler's impressionist picture of a path through a field was selected as the best acrylic/oil painting and was awarded the George Payne Award and Lesley Hollingsworth was highly commended for her window picture.

In the watercolour category, Sue Kelly's



Two of the competition winners.

picture of trees in a snow scene was selected by Peggy as the best in this category.

There will be an opportunity to see both the winning pictures and

the other entries at the Sully Painting Group's annual exhibition on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17 at the Jubilee Hall, off Smithies Avenue, Sully.

Sully Painting Group meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm and again at 7pm, anyone interested in joining can call Nigel Adams on 029 2051 3208.

Romilly parents write their own story book



Left to right: Claire Gilbert (Families First), Jo Mason, Emma Hunt, Emily White, Marian Hopkins, Rhian Leach (mums), Nerys Evans (Families First).

PARENTS at Romilly Primary School were delighted to present their storybook 'Why Can't I win?' to the children during a special assembly on Wednesday, March 14.

During the assembly, the parents involved received special certificates for their contribution to the project.

The book was written in collaboration with author Mike Church and illustrated by Andy O'Rourke. The project was funded by the 'Putting Families First' project that works with parents, schools and communities across the Vale.

The family liaison officer at Romilly Primary, Nerys Evans, said: "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with our parents to produce such a brilliant storybook. During the assembly it was fantastic to see

how delighted the children were and how proud they were of the mums involved.

"A big thank you to Families First for providing this wonderful opportunity. I have been involved for six years and this is one of the most rewarding projects I have taken part in."

The story focuses on the importance of playing fairly and learning that sometimes it's OK to lose. The fantastic illustrations and text take us on a journey through a sequence of well-known children's games, where the key character learns that having fun is the most important thing when playing.

Copies of the book are available to borrow at Barry library.

Youth awards from Legion



ON March 6, the Royal British Legion hosted the annual Lord Lieutenant's District Youth awards for the 2017 Poppy Appeal.

We are so proud of all these young people!

The overall winner's shield was awarded to 2/4th Barry Scouts who collected over £4,000 in Morrisons - a fantastic group effort.

Barry and Rhosce were represented by Army, Sea and Air Cadets and Scouts and Guides from across our area, nine youth groups in all which is amazing.

Pictured are 2/4th Barry Scouts, the overall Shield Winners, with cup winners from Barry Army Cadets, Barry Sea Cadets, Bridgend Air Cadets and 11th Barry Sea Scouts.

TERESA GOODWIN

March is a busy month for Highlight Park WI

AT Highlight Park WI's afternoon social meeting in March, a very interesting talk was given by Phil Walters on a very local topic.

Situated on the docks in Barry there is a strip of land known as The Mole. When the docks were being constructed it was found that the mole would be an important addition to the docks.

Phil had experience of being a Scout leader for eight years, and this prompted Phil to

volunteer to join in a venture to develop this area to provide a water activity centre for any sports groups associated with water.

Despite many hurdles which the committee had to cope with as well as planning applications, safety tests for contamination, applications for a marine licence and so on, the first sod of earth was dug on March 5, 2014.

Today you can see various sailing crafts, canoes and dinghies all lined up with the 11 rescue RIBs on the mole, all of which are used by various organisations including Sea Cadets of Barry, Scouts, Barry Youth Watersports, Cardiff Canoe and Polo Club, Rhosce Lifeguards, and local intersensory groups.

This was a very interesting talk on a venture which is bound to succeed. Phil was asked if we could have a go one day - if we could use the landing craft and help. We will have to see.

Trip to Denman in March

Situated in an extremely pretty village, Marcham, in Oxfordshire close to All Saints' Church lies a Georgian mansion set in acres of natural parkland. Snowdrops in drifts brightened the otherwise very cold and showery day with shards of ice hanging from the fountain.

Since 1948, this has been the premises of Denman College, which every WI member knows is the place to go for a short break or just a day away. On residential courses you can learn a new skill and the courses are so numerous, ranging from calligraphy to willow work and loads more.

We were greeted on arrival after travelling

from Cardiff with other members from Culverhouse Cross WI.

After a short break with refreshments taken in a comfortable sitting room we were taken across the courtyard to a new building especially designed as classrooms for the courses. We were shown some of the accommodation blocks with their en suite facilities.

We took our lunch from a delicious choice of food, hot and cold from the buffet and a glass of wine followed by dessert and tea or coffee. Then we toured the house and bedrooms which are tastefully decorated and comfortable.

Afternoon tea completed our day here and we left after an interesting day out in Oxford and returned to Wales with our colleagues from Culverhouse Cross.

March 15: Afternoon tea party in support of Denman.

Due to snow conditions we had to postpone our March 1 meeting to March 15. This afternoon proved better weather so we went ahead with a magnificent tea party.

Local WI groups had been invited previously and they showed up in large numbers. The tables were decorated with daffodils and flags and after we settled down we helped ourselves to sandwiches and cakes. Tea pots and coffee pots were put on each table and we kept the kettle boiling for extras.

The tombola stall, raffle and book stall went down well and about 96 ladies had a good time. For entertainment some of the members read out some tongue-in-cheek stories to amuse us all. This tea party was a result of a combined effort of many WIs in the

area to raise funds for the upkeep of Denman in Oxfordshire.

In all we welcomed Dinas Powys, Culverhouse Cross, St Nicholas, Sully, Penarth Peers, Cadroxton, Rhosce and our group of course. Many thanks were conveyed to all for their help involved in organising the event by Barbara.

We raised £712 on this occasion thanks to the combined effort of local WIs and a cheque will be sent to Denman for this appeal.

March entertainment evening

On a cold wintry night after the snow had melted we enjoyed a musical evening with Steve David. After the preliminaries were taken care of and notices read out we settled down to listen to Steve as he entertained us with his singing, while we chatted and ate lots of snacks provided with pots of tea or coffee.

Afterwards we got up and danced around one handbag to the very good music provided by Steve. A few of us practised our line dancing moves and jiving.

We have a theatre club which is proving popular and recently eight members went to the Memo in Barry to hear Magic Motown. A good time was had by all. More dates are being planned.

Next month (April 17) we will hold our Annual Meeting, to which all members are invited.

Our next lunch date is on Good Friday at Cottrell Park. Our meetings are held on first Tuesday of each month at 2pm and the third Tuesday at 7pm; also every Thursday afternoon at 2pm. Come along and join in.

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STITCHES GROUP WINS AN AWARD



The White Gecko shop picks up the award.

THE White Gecko Craft Lounge have recently been named the Best Independent Haberdashery Shop: Wales at the British Sewing Awards 2017.

The award, voted for by readers of Sew Magazine and members of the wider public, comes two years after the shop opened in Camms Corner, Dinas Powys.

With competition coming from other fabric and haberdashery shops across Wales, the award is the first win for this small shop.

Co-owner Sarah Fowler said: "This is a great win for our lovely little shop

and has really put us on the map for crafters from both south Wales and beyond.

"We stock a fabulous range of products and place a lot of emphasis on our selection of classes which has translated in this win."

Collecting the award at a large craft industry event last month, the owners of the White Gecko Craft Lounge were in good company with national winners including John Lewis, Liberty of London, Clover and Gütermann.

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Family Notices

FARRUGIA Gwen

Peacefully on 19th March at the University Hospital of Wales, Gwen, a much loved and cherished mam, gran and sister.
She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gwen is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her funeral service at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday, 12th April at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

CLEVES Derek Finlay

Derek of Llanblethian, Cowbridge, loving husband of the late Jean, passed away peacefully with family at his bedside on 10th March at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

Derek is in the care of Maesgwyn Funeral Home, Church Village until his service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 9th April at 12 noon. Derek requested no flowers, instead maybe a donation to Bridgend Dog's Trust to be gratefully collected at service.

RUSSELL Violet (née Stacey)

(from Sully, originally from Cadoston, Barry)

The family of Violet wish to announce her sad passing on 12th March 2018 at the University Hospital of Wales, aged 89 years. Violet was a loving wife to the late Eric Russell and adored mum of Christopher and Leigh, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

The funeral will take place at Old Village Church, Cadoston on 3rd April 2018 at 1pm, followed by Cardiff and the Vale Crematorium at 2pm. Immediate family flowers, only any donations to be given to Cancer Research.

BRODY Anthea Mary

Peacefully at Holme Towers, Penarth on 14th March, Anthea of Barry. Dearly beloved wife of Alf, much loved mum of Louise. Adored nan of Luke, loving sister of Wendy, Brian and Stephen.

Resting in the care of A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service at All Saints' Church, Barry on Monday, 9th April at 10am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 11am.

No flowers by request, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care (Holme Towers), Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

WILSON Leonard Lynch

On Sunday, 25th March at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry, peacefully after a short illness, Leonard (Len) of Wenvoe. Much loved brother and uncle.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 6th April, service and cremation 1pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Holme Towers Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

DAVIES Kathleen (Kath)

Peacefully passed away on 18th March at Llandough Hospital, Kathleen (Kath), aged 84 years, of Ty Gwyn Nursing Home, Penarth, previously of Golau Caredig, Gladstone Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Tony of Llancafnan, a loved mother of Lisa.

Kath will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry where family and friends please meet at 3pm on Monday, 9th April. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Kidney Research.

CHIVERS Stanley Trevor

Stan passed away peacefully at his home on 20th March 2018. Loving father to Fay and Jane, beloved brother of the late Ronnie, husband to the late Christine.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 4th April, service and interment 12 noon at Zoar Cemetery, Bonvilston.

The family wish to express their thanks to the Marie Curie Care Team, District Nurses, City Hospice and all doctors and other nursing staff for all their care and support.

HUBBARD Robert Bruce

On 22nd March, after a short stay in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Robert of Monknash passed away peacefully only days before his 80th birthday.

Robert will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

The funeral will take place at 2.30pm on 11th April at St Mary's Church, Monknash. Donations in memory of Robert to St Mary's Church Monknash or Macmillan Nurses c/o Funeral Director. All enquiries to W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Tel: 01446 710096.

DOUGLAS Sarah Mona (Sally)

Very sadly passed away on 21 March 2018, aged 91 years of Barry. Dear wife of the late Glen. Much loved mother of Robert, mother-in-law of Rosamund and grandma of Charles and Sophie.

Sally will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road Barry. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry where family and friends please meet on Thursday, 12 April at 2pm.

Family flowers only, if desired donations very greatly received for the Kidney Wales Foundation and may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral or may be sent to A.G. Adams Funeralcare Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA. Telephone 01446 735400.

ISAAC David Lloyd

Suddenly but peacefully on 19th March at Llandough Hospital, David Lloyd, aged 73 years, of Meggit Road, Barry. Dearly loved husband of Jennifer.

David will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Thursday, 5th April, service in the chapel at 3pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

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HOAD Peter Edwards

Diane and family would like to thank all who attended Peter's funeral on 9th March and for the kind support, cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent bereavement.

Special thanks to Bruno Cook for officiating the celebration of Peter's life, A.G. Adams for their personal and professional service and the Fontygary Inn for providing the refreshments.

Many thanks to Kate of Bank of Flowers for the beautiful arrangements. The kind donations to the RNLI and Velindre are much appreciated.

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Liam equals father's Athletic seconds appearance record

LIAM Griffiths equalled Bridgend Athletic second XV's appearance record when he played his 216th game in the 33-22 Welsh Conference victory against Llandovery

seniors. In all he has made 225 senior appearances scoring 30 tries and 164 points. Ironically it was his father Tony's record 216 appearances he equalled.

Since the club was formed 46 years ago, in 1972, for 45 years of that time either father Tony or son Liam has worn the Athletic jersey or been involved in coaching or team manager.

Tony started playing for the Ath as a 17-year-old in 1973. Since statistics available from 1982, Tony, a No 8, played a total of 304 times for the Athletic – the sixth most all time appearance, 216 of them for the second XV.

He crossed for 59 tries and 244 points, when a try was only worth four points. He captained the then third XV for five consecutive seasons (1990-1995) and the second XV consecutive seasons



Liam Griffiths (above left) and his father Tony (above right).

(1982-1984) and again in 1995-1996.

Tony coached the youth and seconds for a considerable number of years, many as second XV player/coach.

Liam started as an eight-year-old with the Athletic and played through all the age groups to under-16 and then youth, missing only a handful of games.

It was as a 17-year-old youth player, assisting his father on match days, he inadvertently found himself making his senior debut.

A shortage of players saw him thrust into the second XV on the wing playing alongside his father in a local derby against Pontycymmer.

With Pontycymmer leading 19-17 with two minutes remaining, the



ball reached Liam and he went over for the winning try in a 21-19 debut victory.

Wayne Fooks, another Athletic veteran still playing, also scored an Athletic try in the same game.

Liam has twice been second XV player of the year and has been in many second XV's, winning District Leagues and Cups.

He captained the second XV for five seasons between 2004-2010 and helped the second XV win the inaugural season WRU Championship second team competition whose first XV's played at Championship or

Premier Division level.

The second XV are now playing in a newly-formed WRU Conference League. At the age of 25 Liam took on the role of second XV player/team manager, working alongside his father as second XV coach.

Since Tony retired from coaching two seasons ago Liam has also assumed the role of coach. Liam, primarily a flanker, has always been available to fill in other positions in the team when needed and has played every forward position except prop.

Liam has also been active in fundraising and organising Athletic tours both in the UK and abroad. His contribution to the Athletic was recognised when he was awarded clubman of the year at the end of season 2008-2009.

With many current and past both first and second XV players starting out their senior careers in the second XV, the club owe a long-term debt to the Griffiths' father and son contributions over the last 45 years.

AB

Season starts rolling for bowls club



Cen Williams won the Arthur Harvey Shield.

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club indoor short mat section completed the Arthur Harvey Shield competition this week.

The winner was Cen Williams, who beat Marian Lewis in the final.

Cen was presented with the trophy by vice chair Etta Gray.

We also have two upcoming events - a coffee morning on Saturday, April 7, 10am to 12 noon, £3 entry, raffle, cake stall, books, and then the club opening day for the new season on Saturday, April 14 at 2pm.

Any potential new members are welcome.

GS

Brace for Brace

DAVID BRACE OBE, of the Dunraven Stud in Pyle, had plenty to smile about at the Stone Easton Point-To-Point in Somerset on Sunday.

His grandson Connor, aged 16, who is making a bold bid for the national point-to-point riders' championship, landed the Veteran Novice Riders' race on Pink Eyed Pedro and leading Welsh rider Bradley Gibbs took the Men's Open Race on his Colorado Doc.

Both horses, which were bred at the Dunraven Stud, have the same sire, Dr Massini, who died last year.

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Dinas Powys RFC do the double over Llanharan

THE 'Villagers' of Dinas Powys completed the double over Llanharan with a hard fought victory, scoring five tries and securing a bonus point in the process.

The game started brightly and within the first minute the home side left winger Dan Evans nearly scored in the corner.

It was the visitors who opened the scoring, however, through a penalty goal within five minutes. This sparked the home side and a few minutes later a sustained period of interplay between the threequarters saw the full back hit a sweet angle and augmenting the powerful burst by centre Ciaran Driscoll to score under the posts.

Driscoll was to have an influential afternoon, proving to be a constant threat and the centre often created space for others by needing several defenders to curb his power.

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 8, Rhose Social 7; Cadoxton Cons 6, West End Runaways 9; Wyndham Cons 13, Liberals 2.

League table: Wyndham Cons 159, Liberals 154, Cadoxton Cons 152, West End Runaways 149, Rhose Social 142, West End 141, Moors Boys 138.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

King William XII 1, Rhose Social C 6; Rugby Club 5, Allsorts 2; Rhose Social A 7, Liberals A 0; Rhose Social B 4½, Rhose Social C 5½, Sea View B 1½; West End D 3½, West End C 3½; Cambrian Flyers 5, Barry Town FC 2; Barries Boys 5, Slammers 2.

League table: Sea View B 102.5, West End D 102.5, Rugby Club 93.5, West End C 86.5, Rhose Social C 84.5, Rhose Social A 79, King William XII 75, Rhose Social B 68.5, Allsorts 63, Liberals A 59, Liberals C 58.5, Barry Town FC 56.5, Cambrian Flyers 48.5, Barries Boys 45.

SNOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons Z 2, Penarth Cons A 3; Wyndham Cons A 3,

The conversion was added by fly half Ben White and the thrilling contest continued with a period of domination by the men from Llanharan.

This pressure was rewarded when right wing Morgan Williams finished off a smooth series of passes by scoring in the corner.

The visitors' lead was shortlived as the 'Villagers' scored their second try. A penalty kick to the corner saw the resulting line-out produce a dynamic rolling maul that allowed captain Tom Baister to scamper over from 10 metres. White added the extra points and Dinas led by 14-8.

The game ebbed and flowed and only formidable defence by the home side allowed them to maintain their lead, flankers Lane Dyer and Lewis Dunleavy tackling willingly and second row Rhys Gambold, as always, was wholehearted in his efforts.

Against the run of play, the 'Villagers' extended their lead when

a further try from Nathan Williams and conversion from White allowed the home team to lead by 21-8 at half-time.

The second half was an anticlimax after the high quality first half. The first 20 minutes saw hardly any notable action – the lead held by the home team was not decisive and a further score by the visitors would have caused a few concerns for the home supporters.

The 'Villagers', during this period, struggled to win line-out ball against the very tall Llanharan side and it was left to the powerful front row of Baister and props Andrew O'Malia and Caleb Robinson to assert their dominance and provide possession for the superb Corey Imperatto at number 8 to drive from the base of the scrum.

Imperatto provided a dominant performance and his understanding with sublime scrum half Sam Middlemiss was a joy to watch, and it was a

burst by Imperatto that freed Middlemiss and fed Lewis Dunleavy, who dummied right and dummied left to cross without a hand on him to score the bonus point-gaining fourth try.

The game was reignited as Llanharan responded immediately with a try through their second row Shaun O'Rourke and with the score standing at 26-13 and the 13-point margin restored, the home side scored a further try.

Another incisive run by Imperatto saw Dunleavy in support and he passed to Baister who displayed a dramatic burst of pace to score his second try of the afternoon.

White added the conversion and the scoring for the contest was completed. A very satisfying performance that will have pleased the coaching team and chairman Andy Vesey, and sees the 'Villagers' consolidate their position near the top of Division 1, East Central. **HJ**

Llantwit Major and District Darts League

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season completed its 24th week with the highlights being:

Dilwyn Evans 180, Peter Evans 18 dart leg with a 116 finish and a 20 dart leg with Simon Nettleship, Ian Austin 17 dart leg, Steve Davie 20 dart leg, Sue Fraser 24 dart leg with a 64 finish, Jock Adamson 97 out and Caz Adamson 67 out.

In the Monday night 'C' League the top three all won well with the Shoes Athan 'C2' moving three points clear of third placed Rugby Club, with the Lamb & Flag 'C2' maintaining its seven point lead at the top of the table.

In the Tuesday night 'A' League the Kings Head 'A1' and Wenvoe Arms had resounding wins over third-placed Fox and Hounds and fourth-placed Shoes St Athan to guarantee their positions in the top two at the end of the season.

The winners from the ladies finals night, held on Thursday, March 22, were as follows:

Singles: Julie Cheal; Pairs: Mother and daughter Chick and Beth Theophilus; Threes: Tanya Daw, Mo Phillips, Danielle Dolbear and Christina Woods; Mixed Pairs: Tanya Daw and Mike Gray; Eddie Meredith: Kings Head 'A1'.

Congratulations to all the winners and commiserations to all the runners-up.

Thanks very much to Jean and Martin for

calling all the games on the main board and to Pauline David and Sheryn Islip for chalking and calling the Eddie Meredith.

Thanks very much to Mo Phillips for going to the rugby club to set the tables and chairs up and bringing the darts stand downstairs from storage.

Thanks also to Meurig, Dai Sawyer, Martin Gaffney and Rob Oakley for their help on their arrival too.

Lastly, thanks to the lads from the Shoes St Athan 'C2' for supporting the night and for dismantling the stand and taking it upstairs and for helping the Shoes 'C1' team, Mo, Glyn and Pauline David, to put all the tables and chairs away at the end of the night.

'C' League table: Lamb & Flag 'C2' 171, Shoes St Athan 'C2' 164, Rugby Club 161, Lamb & Flag 'C1' 155, Shoes St Athan 'C1' 143, Kings Head 'C2' 139, Boverton Castle 132, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 111, Kings Head 'C1' 89, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 55.

'A' League table: Kings Head 'A1' 213, Wenvoe Arms 190, Fox and Hounds 153, Shoes St Athan 144, Golden Cups 143, Rugby Club 'A2' 142, Lamb & Flag 138, Four Bells 126, Rugby Club 'A1' 124, Shoes Peterston 123, Kings Head 'A2' 122, Tudor Tavern 82, Rugby Club 'A3' 72, Blacksmith Arms 65.

DMC



Bowls club to hold open day

ON Sunday, March 25, Rhose Bowling Club entertained their many sponsors to a social afternoon's bowling at their Celtic Way ground.

Men's captain, Tony Lages and Jo Hopkins, Rhose president, are pictured (above) making a special

presentation to Stephen Gardner from Sinclair Volkswagen Garages, the club's major sponsor, in appreciation for their support with new team shirts and jackets for the season.

This Saturday and Sunday (March 31/April 1), the club will open the gates from 2pm to give everyone the opportunity to try

the game of bowls.

A number of coaches will be present to help the public enjoy the social sport of bowls.

A pair of flat soled shoes are all that needs to be brought along as the club provides all other equipment.

BS

Midweek win for Llantwit Major

L L A N T W I T MAJOR travelled to Aberdare for this rearranged midweek game that was postponed from earlier in the month due to the snow.

Earlier in the season Aberdare drew 4-4 at Windmill Lane in a high-scoring game that had everything for the neutral supporter.

Karl Lewis made four changes to the team that was successful at Pontypridd to give some players, who were on the bench for the last game against Pontypridd, some game time.

Llantwit, as usual, made a bright start but the conditions underfoot made it difficult to play a passing game.

It was not until the 14th minute that Llantwit had their first opportunity when a through pass by Nathan Jones to Anthony Rawlings saw his subsequent shot pushed away by the Aberdare

keeper for a corner.

Only a few minutes later a free kick into the Aberdare goal area saw Sean Williams head the ball down and subsequently shoot, only for his effort to go fractionally wide of the upright.

Llantwit's pressure paid off in the 18th minute when Josh Jones latched onto a poor back pass by an Aberdare defender which resulted in their goalkeeper fouling Josh and the referee awarding a penalty.

Up stepped Anthony Rawlings to successfully convert the penalty to give Llantwit the lead.

Llantwit continued to apply the pressure and seek another goal as Aberdare were not really troubling the Llantwit goal and creating any chances for themselves.

In the 26th minute Llantwit had a golden opportunity to score their second goal when Josh Jones was put through on goal only to see him

shoot wide. 10 minutes later another chance fell to Anthony Rawlings, but his shot was well saved by the Aberdare goalkeeper.

Just before half-time, following a fine run by Josh Jones, his pass to Kristian Smith saw Kristian shoot just wide of the goal from 30 metres out.

The second half began with Llantwit again starting well and within a minute of the restart, a shot from Nathan Jones had to be pushed away for a corner by the Aberdare keeper, and six minutes later a free kick from

Goldsworthy, from around 30 metres out, rebounded off the crossbar.

Things were due to change though as Aberdare started to grow in confidence as Llantwit, despite all their pressure and chances, could not score a second goal.

It was Aberdare now who started to create chances for the first time in the game and from a

fine break in the 66th minute a shot from outside the Llantwit area hit the cross bar and from a corner six minutes later they hit the post from a header.

Llantwit were now under pressure and in the 80th minute Jack Lansdown had to pull off a fine save when the Aberdare striker was through on goal.

The final 10 minutes saw Llantwit defend their lead bravely and, with only a few minutes remaining, could have scored a second as Anthony Rawlings beat the offside trap and was through on goal, only to shoot wide.

As the final whistle went there was relief all round for the Llantwit players, management team and supporters as this was another win that they had to battle for, especially in the second half, to move them further up the league taking them to fifth position, just outside the promotion places.

DJ

Camelots' win gives them survival hope

ON Tuesday, March 20, Barry Camelots took an important step towards securing their place in the East Glamorgan Chess League Division Two, beating their relegation rivals, the Cardiff Crowns, by 3.5 points to 1.5 points.

It was an evenly-matched affair, with no more than 50 grading points between opponents, other than on board three where Barry's experienced Mark Cooke took on Cardiff newcomer Noa Neale.

Wins on the top three boards for Dave Parsons, Tom Cooke and Mark Cooke, together with a solid performance from John Stephenson, earning a draw on board five, made it a successful

evening and took the pressure off the Barry team in their struggle for survival.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

MR

Lily is looking for sponsorship

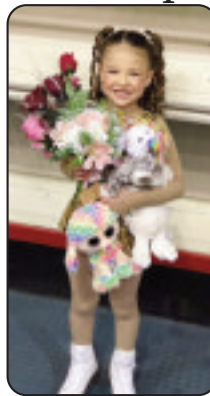
A TALENTED six-year-old south Wales ice-skater is hoping people can sponsor her so she can train and compete.

Lily Grace Walding from Cwmbran, a pupil at Croesyceiliog Primary School, travelled to London to compete recently in her first ice skating competition. She scored 6.08 in the beginner ladies' under-8 category.

Her mother Emma, explained: "We took Lily to Winter Wonderland in Cardiff when she was three years old and she became keen on ice-skating. We then took her to 'Ice Tots' lessons and she developed from there."

Ice-skating facilities are not available in Lily's home town so she has to travel regularly to Cardiff Ice Arena. Competitions mean even more travel, so she is hoping for sponsorship to help her train and compete.

If there is anyone who can help, they should email her mum Emma Walding at: emma.walding@googlemail.com.



Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for March 26.

First, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts 69.77 per cent; second, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 69.38; third, Sue Norris and Su Summerhayes 57.08.

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59 SKODA Octavia 1.4 TSi Elegance Auto. in met blue, only 51,000 miles **£5,295**

10 FORD Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Titanium 3-Dr In electric blue, 51,000 miles, bluetooth, £20 road tax **£4,995**

10 FORD Fiesta Titanium 1.4 3-Dr. In panther black, 63,000 miles, bluetooth, FSH **£4,995**

59 MINI Cooper Convertible In cream white with brown leather and hood **£4,695**

09 SKODA Octavia 1.9 **Diesel** TDi Ambiente **Auto** Estate In met blue, 39,000 miles **£4,995**

09 FORD Fiesta Zetec 96 1.4cc 5-Dr In avalon blue, 41,000 miles, FSH..... **£4,995**

58 AUDI A3E 104 TDi 1.9 Diesel. In black, 72,000 miles, alloys, only £30 road tax **£4,995**

12 KIA Pro-Ceed 2 1.6 Diesel CRDi 3-Dr. In Black, 64,000 miles, £30 road tax **£4,695**

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12 FORD Fiesta Edge 1.4 TDCi 3-Dr. In Colorado Red, 71,000 miles, £20 road tax **£4,295**

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Plenty to digest for Giggs as Wales fall short in bid for China Cup glory

IT'S not just '80s group T'Pau who have China in their hand judging from the incredibly warm welcome afforded to Wales' footballers when they landed at Guangzhou early last week.

However, this was no holiday for the Welsh team - it was the opportunity to take part in the China Cup, a four-team tournament that included the hosts (who Wales would play in the opening semi-final), Uruguay and the Czech Republic (it could have been titled the 'Teams Apart From Uruguay Who Failed to Qualify For The World Cup' Cup, but that was far less snappier).

It was also the first time new Wales manager Ryan Giggs had taken charge of the team, having stepped into the shoes of arguably Wales' most successful manager, Chris Coleman. Given that his appointment was met with mixed responses, this tournament allowed Giggs to start his work under the watchful glare of the hardy Wales away supporters who made the trip to Asia rather than a huge crowd in Cardiff.

For Giggs and Wales this was a golden opportunity - for the players, the chance to rid themselves of the hangover of the

failure to reach Russia this summer, for Giggs the chance to set a marker and, maybe, bring Wales their first trophy since 1970 at international level (when they shared the Home Championship with Scotland and the then-current world champions England).

His first squad yielded few surprises in terms of personnel, with the return of Gareth Bale an incredibly welcome one, and while four players were forced out through injury, there was still a nucleus of players more than capable of turning on the style.

Opponents China may have qualified for the 2002 World Cup, but since then they have only impressed in fits and starts, having won the EAFF East Asian Cup twice in 2005 and 2010.

But results have improved under the stern eye of Italian Marcello Lippi, meaning that for Wales and Giggs a potential banana skin lay in wait in Nanjing.

Going with a similar formation to that of his predecessor, Giggs also gave starts to Harry Wilson and Declan John, and was given the perfect start when Bale marked his return with a goal just two minutes in. Bale's second (a goal that drew him level with Ian Rush's record of 28) on 21 minutes gave Wales a more

by GARETH JAMIESON

than comfortable cushion, and Sam Vokes' delicate finish made it 3-0 on 38 minutes.

Birthday boy Harry Wilson's gorgeous strike on the stroke of half-time made it 4-0 and all but ensured Wales' progress to Monday's final, while the second half saw Vokes grab his second, and Wales' fifth, and when Bale broke Rush's record with his hat-trick, making the score 6-0.

Giggs took the opportunity to give some game time to Ben Woodburn, Tom Bradshaw, Chris Mepham, Tom Lockyer and Lee Evans as the game understandably petered out.

A welcome first game for Giggs then, in what was, the circumstances, a professional and disciplined performance against less-than-auspicious opposition, setting them up for the trickier challenge of facing Uruguay on Monday, the south Americans having dispatched Czech Republic 2-0 in the other semi-final.

The threat posed by Cavani, Suarez and co would be far greater than that of China, but Giggs named an unchanged side for the final, no doubt mindful of

playing a little deeper to hopefully nullify the attacking threat Uruguay posed.

A reminder, if any were needed, was issued by Suarez with just two minutes on the clock as he hit the post, but Wales responded with a chance of their own through Vokes, before Cavani just missed out on connecting with a Suarez cross.

Wales, though, looked comfortable in what was an entertaining game full of chances and could have gone in at half-time 1-0, Harry Wilson's free-kick being glanced towards goal by the head of Bale, only for Muslera to make the save.

It was Uruguay who opened the scoring four minutes into the second half, as Wales' defence were caught flat footed by a ball over the top, and the cross across goal was steered into the net with ease by Cavani.

Uruguay had further chances to stretch their lead as Wales looked sluggish, but were unable to and as the half wore on (with Connor Roberts and Billy Bodin picking up their first Welsh caps) Wales started to take the game more to Uruguay, knocking at the door but just lacking that last pass, that little bit of class.

Eventually time ran out and the China

Cup was Uruguay's - however, what was far more important was the positives to be taken from this trip by Wales.

It not only allowed Ryan Giggs the chance to start his tenure in a competitive environment, but also allowed him assess faces old and new, with the new caps no doubt benefitting from exposure to the squad dynamic and game time, while players like Adam Matthews and Declan John, who have been in and around squads, looked good in the playing time they had (John in particular).

Of course the Uruguay game exposed the flaws in the Welsh game - yet again we lacked a cutting edge when Bale was being marked out of the game, a lack of composure, and quality, at vital times letting us down, and defensively there are certainly questions to be asked.

But these are problems that Giggs will have time to address and assess with a friendly against Mexico in the USA in May before the nitty gritty of the Nations League begins in September.

The China Cup will have given all involved plenty to digest in readiness for higher-profile tests to come, but Giggs and Wales will have learned much.

GLAMORGAN HUNT POINT-TO-POINT COMES TO YSTRADOWEN

FIFTY-SIX of the 101 entries faced the starter at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Uplands Farm, Ystradowen, where riders described the going as "stamina-sapping".

Five went to the start for the opening Glamorgan Hunt Members, Subscribers & Farmers Race and Evan Williams' Aerlite Supreme, at 11 the oldest horse in the race, owned by National Hunt trainer Evan Williams, and ridden by his daughter Isabel, aged 20, outjumped his rivals to win by 20 lengths from the only other finisher, the best turned out Nuevo Molino, after the

challenging favourite Blazing Tom, partnered by Nick Williams, had fallen at the last.

Isabel, who was chalking-up her fourth point-to-point winner - she has also ridden five winners under Rules, the latest on Virginia Chick at Chepstow earlier in the week - said of the ex-National Hunt performer: "He jumped for fun," and Evan added: "He was a gift horse and has had his problems and he's a bandit."

Brought down at Howick last month, the mud-loving former useful hurdler certainly stole this race.

Nick Williams gained quick consolation when winning the next race, the Seven-Year-Olds And Over Open Maiden Race on Alan Rhead's seven-year-old bay gelding

Snow Puma, which went off the even money favourite.

Taking the lead three fences from home, Snow Puma won by five lengths from TheBoss On The Hill and Nick said: "We were in second gear" throughout the race.

Trained locally by Charlie Packwood, Snow Puma, who is by Zagreb, could be in the line-up for the Dunraven Bowl at Chepstow on April 27.

The Conditions Race over two-miles-and-four-furlongs went to David Brace's eight-year-old brown gelding Robin Des People, who was given a peach of a ride by his 16-year-old grandson Connor Brace.

An 8-1 chance, the always prominent Robin Des People scored by three lengths from

Ramble On with Captain Camelot a further eight lengths back in third place.

Connor, who was chalking-up his fifth win of the season, said: "My horse jumped well throughout and that was just great."

Mr Brace, who sponsors the Dunraven Bowl, which was first held in 1996, has had a number of runners in the race over the years but has never won it.

No one would begrudge him a win if Robin Des People were to set the record straight in this year's renewal.

Twelve went to post for the Timico Mixed Open Race and just four of them came back.

First past the post by half-a-length was Kevin Salter's 10-year-old bay gelding Spencer Moon who, under Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, held off the challenge of the favourite Frelia, ridden by Bradley Gibbs, to win by half-a-length.

An objection to the winner by the runner-up for interference on the run-in was overruled. Tiger Rag, partnered by Anna Lewis, was a further five lengths away in third place.

Spencer Moon, who is by Dr Massini, will probably be aimed at ladies' open races with Jodie Hughes in the saddle.

The biggest cheers of the day were for Carol and Clive Banwell's six-year-old bay mare Yes Ace who, despite drifting out in the betting, won the Restricted Race under Bradley Gibbs by two lengths from the pacemaking Mason Dixon (Byron Moorcroft) with the well-backed favourite Kilcrea Bridge (Nick Williams) a

further half-a-length away in third spot.

There were seven starters for the Four, Five And Six Year Olds Open Maiden for which there were 10 entries and this went to Sherree Lean's five-year-old bay gelding Boethuis, which gave a delighted Jodie Hughes, from Pembrokeshire her first winning ride in 10 months.

With the favourite, Abbi Vaughan's Shaman Du Berlais, coming down at the second last fence, and her husband Tim Vaughan's Mister Buddy also a casualty, Boethuis went on to win by 10 lengths from Persistant Princess.

Ironically, Mrs Lean from Pyle bought Boethuis out of Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard and she said of the 20-1 rank outsider that "... He can be a bit quirky at times."

ANNOUNCER BILL CLAY RETIRES
After more than half-a-century dedicated service to the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point, Bill Clay has retired.

He was the hunt's honorary secretary from 1964 to 1998 inclusive (35 years), and since then has served on the committee and as an announcer, 54 years in total.

His contribution and support of the Glamorgan Hunt over that period has been immense and will almost certainly never be matched.

I for one would like to thank him for all the help he has given me over the years.

BRIAN LEE

School's netballers enjoy success



YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg primary school netball team celebrated coming second in the final of the Cardiff and Vale netball tournament on March 13.

Miss Lye, Miss Bevan and pupils from the high school were responsible for training the team.

Miss Lye commented: "We are very

proud of our team, its a wonderful achievement and thank you to the senior school pupils for their coaching skills, its such a benefit to be in a 3-18 years school environment.

"The primary is still a young school with our first ever Year 6 class and this shows how we are developing in all areas of the curriculum."

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Barrivale bridge results

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club which took place on March 20 are as follows:

The top three places were: 1, Peter Millar and Mike Best 66.32 per cent; 2, Allan Rees and Mick Green 62.15 per cent; 3, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 59.38 per cent.

The handicap winners were Allan Rees and

Mick Green. As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us please ring any of the following numbers, 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening. Alternatively, players inexperienced or

new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

While our current class for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginner's class commencing in September.

Linda Houston

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams - riding her mother Cath Williams' six-year-old Virginia Chick - landed the Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow last Wednesday (March 21).

Six-year-old Virginia Chick, who is trained by Isabel's father Evan Williams, beat the Cheltenham Gold Cup-winning trainer Colin Tizzard's Brynmawr by five lengths and went off a 3-1 joint-favourite in a field of 15 runners.

Earlier in the afternoon, Evan's The Last Day, partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge, won the novices' hurdle race by six lengths from Another Emotion. The Last Day gave Williams his third win in this race, having won it last year and in 2011.

At Haydock Park, Evan was successful with his six-year-old Skewiff who, under Grand National-winning jockey Leighton Aspell, came home a 13 lengths winner of the Mares' Novices Hurdle.

Skewiff was well fancied and was returned the 6-4 favourite.

DEBRA'S CHEPSTOW WINNER
National Hunt trainer Debra Hamer, who hails from the Vale but who now lives in west Wales, landed the Handicap Chase at Chepstow Racecourse last Thursday (March 22) with her eight-year-old Look Like Power, which beat Lac Sacre, trained by Bridgend's John Flint, by one and three quarter lengths.

A 10-1 chance, Look Like Power was ridden by Tim Whelan and La Sacre, who was partnered by Daryl Jacob, was finishing in the runners-up spot for the third time in a row.

At Ludlow, where Llangarf's Evan Williams is the leading trainer, his 12-year-old Tornado In Milan, ridden by champion rider Richard Johnson, won the two-miles handicap chase worth £13,610 to the winner.

Tornado In Milan went off the 11-8 favourite.

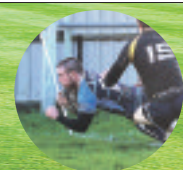
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Win keeps Barry in contention for European play-off chance

DAYS after Gavin Chesterfield was named as Manager of the Month for the first time, Barry Town United made it five wins from five in the JD Welsh Premier League Play-off Conference, the Jenner Park side recording a 2-0 triumph at Aberystwyth Town on Saturday afternoon.

Arriving in good spirits, visitors Barry enjoyed the day's first notable effort, as James Demetriou shot with the outside of his foot, only to be denied by Aberystwyth Town goalkeeper Chris Mullock.

Meanwhile, at the other end, Jon Owen

mesmerised the Barry defence with a mazy run that took him deep inside the area, only for Barry stopper Mike Lewis to save with his legs.

On 41 minutes, the deadlock was broken. After spritely Macauley Southam-Hales showed strength to dispossess Damian Allen, the midfielder's surging run was sharply curtailed, only for the ball to run into the path of Jordan Cotterill, who left-footed into the bottom corner from outside the box.

The second half meanwhile saw the chance of the game, a chance Aberystwyth would be left to rue as the race for seventh spot and a place in the play-offs for UEFA Europa League football intensifies.

Collecting the ball on



Celebrations as Barry Town United win 2-0 against Aberystwyth Town.

the left flank, former Stockport, Lincoln and Chester man Craig Hobson strongarmed his way past Luke Cooper and into the danger zone, but his pass across a gaping goal to substitute Joe Phillips

was lifted agonisingly over the crossbar, gifting the visitors a real let-off.

Continuing their pursuit of an equaliser, Aberystwyth threatened again, in what became a mighty scramble.

First, Southam-Hales blocked Ryan Wollacott's goal bound effort, allowing Lewis to palm the ball free. Then, Cooper nipped in to crucially deny Declan Walker, before Hobson struck the climatic attempt over the bar.

It was another chance gone begging for the hosts, but credit must go to the Barry defence, who put their bodies on the line to keep hold of their slender goal advantage.

After Troy Greening headed clear to frustrate Wollacott again, Barry almost put the game to bed with 10 minutes to play, as Cotterill spotted an invigorated Jonathan Hood charging on in space.

However, while Hood's confident finish from 18 yards zipped past goalkeeper Mullock, it only scraped the outside of the post, denying the January signing his second league goal for the club.

Sensing the need to strike and strike quickly, Aberystwyth created another quality effort when Hobson headed Mullock's clearance onwards to Owens, who unleashed a dynamic shot on goal.

Lewis though would once more be the scourge of his former club, Barry's own Mr.

Reliable showing great instincts to save from Owens' volley and bring the ball to safety, as the final whistle loomed.

Then, in the 90th minute, Lewis turned from shotstopper to supplier, pumping a long ball downfield that bounced above and beyond Drew Fahiya, to be met by a fired-up Louis Gerrard.

Gerrard then controlled with his chest and slotted past Mullock to score, finally settling this entertaining contest.

The 2-0 victory keeps Barry in the driver's seat for a play-off berth, heading into back-to-back meetings with Prestatyn Town, who need to win both to keep their WPL survival hopes alive.

Barry will welcome Prestatyn to Jenner Park Stadium this Saturday (2.30pm kick-off), with admission on the turnstiles for the regular rates of £7 (adults) £5 (senior citizens and students) and £3 (children).

Chesterfield's men then travel to Bastion Gardens on Saturday, April 6, looking to avenge the 1-0 defeat suffered there in August when Michael Parker converted a dramatic, 93rd-minute winner.

In other news, the club has announced that its end of season awards evening will be held at Jenner Park on Friday, June 1, with tickets and tables for the annual event set to go on sale this weekend.

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Defeat is a blow for Barry RFC's promotion hopes

BARRY RFC's hopes of maintaining pressure of the teams above them in the league were put on hold after they suffered a surprise defeat at the hands of St Peters at the Reservoir Field last Saturday.

Having to make major changes for a variety of reasons, Barry never seemed able to get a stranglehold on the game and lacked consistency.

This is not to detract from the efforts of the replacement players, all of who tried their hearts out. It was just a lacklustre performance, but also a game where they had chances to win.

Being at the top end of the table always makes you a target, and the Rocks opened the game in lively fashion looking determined to spoil the party.

Their early efforts were rewarded as they attacked from a long Barry clearance to move the ball wide, where the wing chipped ahead to regain the ball for a try which went unconverted, but gave them a five point lead.

Barry were struggling to get any meaningful ball as the Rocks enjoyed virtually unlimited possession from set piece and from some wayward Barry kicking.

It cannot be denied that the Rocks spent the game living very close to the edge, a tactic which when not always seen by the referee was obviously unsettling Barry.

However their indiscretion paved the way for Barry to get into the game when Kyle Barross slotted over a fine 50-metre penalty to reduce the deficit.

A further penalty at the restart saw Barry into the Rocks' half from where they set the backs free, ending with Dave Provis being halted just short of the line.

Barry became more aggressive as the half wore on and it was the Rocks turn to look unsettled, but Barry failed to turn pressure into points despite Harry Moyle nearly getting over the line and Kyle Barross being just wide with a penalty.

They finally took the lead through another penalty from Kyle Barross.

Unfortunately, this lead was

shortlived as they failed to gather the restart to concede a penalty which again put the Rocks into the lead as half-time approached.

Barry had by now lost James Hadfield to injury which did not help matters but they managed to see the half through leaving the score at 8-6 in the Rocks' favour.

The second half opened with Barry being awarded a kickable penalty which they were unable to convert, but kept up the pressure without really creating any worthwhile chances, although they had gained an advantage at the scrum.

This advantage saw the Rocks concede a penalty which this time Kyle Barross put over and Barry took the lead, 9 points to 8.

The sides matched each other as time went on although Barry were forced to defend as the Rocks attacked the line with a concerted forward effort which they did well to stem but in doing so conceded a penalty and this see-saw game went back in favour of the Rocks.

Some poor kicking allowed the Rocks back into the Barry half where an isolated player was penalised, which saw the Rocks go further ahead with another penalty to leave the score at 9-14, albeit with time for Barry to come back.

This looked hopeful as they got themselves into a good position and threatened as the Rocks defended stubbornly, their only reward being a further penalty from Kyle Barross to leave only two points in it.

However they were unable to get the score to win the game, leaving both players and spectators frustrated for the second game running, as both have been lost by a single score.

This Saturday Barry face promotion chasing Giffach Goch at home, kick off 2.30pm.

In addition to this game the club are also hosting a second XV tournament, hopefully including 10 sides, which is planned to begin at 1pm.

Last week's Lottery numbers failed to find a winner, while one ticket matched three numbers to win £10. The numbers were 05, 08, 12 and 22 - this week's jackpot will be £1,250.

AJ

Hilary becomes the first female Brynhill president!

BRYNHILL Golf Club, fast approaching its centenary year, has appointed a female president for the first time in its history.

Hilary West, local florist and long-standing active committee member at Brynhill, was appointed as president at the recent annual general meeting.

Hilary's post was proposed by outgoing captain, Mike Underdown and seconded by incoming captain, Mark Weaver.

"It wasn't so much a conscious decision to appoint a woman," said Mr Underdown, "but Miss West has the skills and experience to more than fulfil her role as president."

West's appointment certainly is a break with tradition and not something that would have been thought of when she joined Brynhill in the mid-70s. Miss West started her golf career tentatively at first before 'getting into the swing of things' and winning the Diak Cup in 1983



Outgoing captain Mike Underdown, president Hilary West and incoming captain Mark Weaver.

and again in 2006, also playing mixed golf with different gentlemen achieving further wins and runner up placings.

The ladies section, at Brynhill, which Miss West captained in 1981, is looking at incentives to attract more ladies to join them.

This year's ladies captain, Mrs Sam Pascoe, commented: "We have a welcoming ladies section with a wide range of ages and membership offers for all ages."

Brynhill's 2018 incoming captain Mark Weaver, said: "Brynhill

is an all inclusive golf club where male, female and junior members are all treated equally.

"We are delighted that Miss West accepted the role and hopefully we will see lady members filling high-profile roles in all golf clubs in the future."

Miss West stated: "I feel very humble and extremely proud to have been asked to become the first female president of Brynhill Golf Club and will do my best to live up to the standards set by my predecessors."

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Golfers in cup action

DESPITE the Beast from the East, the new season at Brynhill teed off with the Barry and District Cup.

The format is a four week pair's eclectic competition with the

best score recorded on each hole counting in the final total.

Five pairs top the leader board with 61s, including the highly fancied Penberthy and Clissold partnership and the surprise package of ageing veterans

Hewings and Collins.

It is, however, a marathon not a sprint and with only seven shots between the leaders and 29th-placed Scott Nelson and John Barrett, it's all to play for.

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